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Revenue Department 2

To Mr. F. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you Extract of a letter from Government respecting your appointment to take temporary charge of the Revenues of Dindigul.

The Board are not yet acquainted with the arrangement made by the Committee and must necessarily wait their report on the state of the District, previous to their giving you any particular instructions on the subject. In the mean time they rely on your taking every proper step regarding the Revenue and good management of the Country, and you will report the state of the Balances when you take charge.

I am &ca.
(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Fort St. George
14th September 1796

Extract of a letter from Government dated 10th September 1796

We have appointed the Assistant Collector of Polygar Peshcush Mr. F. B. Hurdis to take temporary charge of the Revenues of Dindigul, and authorize him to draw the usual Commission upon their amount in addition to his present salary.

We still consider Mr. Hurdis assistant to the Collector of Polygar Peshcush and tho' we have ordered him to correspond directly with your Board, for the sake of despatch, we have instructed him to furnish Mr. Powney with copies of his correspondence upon the principle of the arrangement lately adopted for the Havellies of Ganjam and Mohurry.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) Geo Stratton
Actg. Dy. Secretary

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Revenue Department

To Mr. William Harington
Dindigul

Sir.

Circular/ The Board desire that you will transmit to them on the 5th of every month a Report of Cash in your Treasury at the close of that preceeding with an Estimate of receipts and disbursements in the Current Month, a Duplicate of that sent to Government will be sufficient.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
20th September 1796 }
(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

To T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Collector of Dindigul

Sir

In obedience to order I received from Major General Floyd, I have ordered the Detachment at Veeramaddoly to march on the 1st of next Month and join their Corps at Trichinopoly. I therefore request to know if you think it necessary that they should be replaced from this Garrison and what strength you would wish the Detachment to consist of having received orders from the General to comply with your requisition for the above purpose.

I have &ca.

Dindigul }
26th December 1796 }
(Signed) J. Cuppage
Col. Commanding

Thomas B. Hurdis Esqre.
In charge of the Collections at Dindigul

Sir

Poligar's letter respecting security in March 1795
43d.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 24th Instant.

The Yelcamadeh Poligar's Vackeel pretends ignorance of the circumstances of the security; I have written to the Poligar for information on the subject, but in the first instance it appears to me rather extraordinary that security should be taken from a Poligar under my jurisdiction without a reference to me, and secondly that security to the amount of three thousand One hundred Colly Chuckrums should be taken from a Poligar whose own Peishcush only amounts to Colly Chuckrums One hundred and sixteen.

The Yelcamadeh has not liquidated his Peishcush for last year; a Balance of it is still due, I do not think it probable that the amount for which he became security can be recovered from him.

It has been with me a rule from which I have never deviated, to prohibit one Poligar becoming security for another, in order to prevent all interference with each other's Pollums, which a contrary system would in some degree sanction.

I have &ca
(signed) George Powney
Collector

Ramnad
27th September 1796

Revenue Department

To Mr. Wm. Harington

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant, with a Bill for Star Pagodas 431, on Mr. B Roebuck Military Paymaster General, and to inform you that it has been accepted.

I am &ca
(signed) S Lushington
Secretary

Fort St. George
28th September 1796

To Mr. William Harington
at Dindigul

Sir

I herewith inclose you an Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 17th September 1796

I am &ca.

Fort Saint George }
29th September 1796 }

(Signed) Jno. Mitford
Accountant B R

Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 17th September 1796

Read Mr. Harington's proposed List of Servants for Dindigul for Fusly 1206

Passed for S Ps. 460.. 14 per Month or per Annum St. Pags. 5520. 2: 8 The Board remark with much satisfaction the very essential reduction made by Mr. Harington in the Charges Collection of Dindigul, no less than Pags. 3956 per annum while he appears at the same time more effectually to have provided for the due Superintendance of the District, and security of the Revenue in General.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) T S Ware
Assistant

To Mr. George Winch
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I herewith inclose you an Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 17th September 1796

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
29th September 1796 }

(Signed) Jno. Mitford
Accott. B R

Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated

17th

17th September 1796.
Dindigul
Mr. Wynch's
Account Current
for April 1796 .... Read and Passed
Do. for May .... Do. Do.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) T. S. Ware
Assistant

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Collector of Dindigul

Sir

Agreeably to your requisition I have given orders to the guard to release Comarapilly and shall keep Appaugee Pilly under strict confinement untill I hear further from you

I have &ca.
(Signed) I. Cuppage
Col. Commg.

Dindigul
3rd October 1796

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
in Charge of the Revenues of Dindigul

Sir

I have just received your letter of the 3rd. and have issued the necessary orders to secure the persons of the Gungadoo Poligar and his Carbar should they be in the Sheragungah Country.

I am &ca.
(Signed) George Powney
Collector

Ramnad
5th October 1796

Colonel John Cuppage
Commanding Dindigul

I have received very certain information that Myil Tumbee Bastard Brother of Valaid Naique, who resided at Tagoody during the time I have been at this station, left it about the 8th of last Month and went to Mamaupatty in the Delhicotah Country, where he has had an interview with Thumbau Goundah of Paunawaram, and represented to him that there were but two Officers and a few Sepoys at Pylney; and very few Troops at Dindigul; and requested his assistance to put him in possession of the Pylney Country.

Moottoo Goundah of Taulicoot of the Western Division; and Comaraswell Goundah of the Eastern Division of this Country, have joined him with many followers, and are preparing to make an incursion into and commit depredations in this Country, which if not prevented will cause great confusion, and loss of Revenue.

I am told, but can scarcely give it credit, that he is promised support from Delhicotah.

Should any disturbances arise from this man and his banditti, I request you will favor me with your orders for my guidance.

I have &ca.

(signed) James Oliver
Lieut. Col. Comg.

Pylney
9th October 1796

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Collector

Sir

I have received very certain information that Myil Tumbee, Bastard Brother of Velluida Naique, who constantly resided at Tagoody, left it about the 8th of last Month, and went to Mamaupatty in the Delhicotah Country, where he has been joined by Moottoo Goundah of Ta

Talicoote and Comaravel Goundah of Nellam Pollam with many followers, who are preparing to make an incursion into and commit depredations in this Country. Circumstances which I think it my duty to make you acquainted with in time, to prevent as much as possible the confusion and loss of Revenue which such a Banditti would occasion.

I shall be happy at all times to render every service in my power, and to meet your wish and inclination upon every occasion.

I have &ca.

Pylney 9th October 1796 }

(Signed) James Oliver
Lieut. Col. Comg.

Translation of a letter from Pylney Tahsildar dated—

After Compliments

When I was returning to Pylney after having obtained liberty from the Hazoor Coppla Naigue Poligar of Veroopautchee told me that one Mailoo Naigue a relation of Vallayda Naigue until lately lived at Iagoody but one Month since he went to live in Delhicotah one of the Pollams under Tippoo and three or four of the Gours belonging to the Pylney Country went with him they communicated with one Tomboo Gour of the Poonapooram Tookree in Tippoo's country and thro' his means all of them went and spoke to the Dewan and told him that if they would take the Pylney country and give it to Meyil Naigue they would pay fifty thousand Chuc.. accordingly the Dewan promised to write to Tippoo about it they have settled there and they collected about one or two hundred men they sent word to the principal Gours of the Pylney Country to come and join them who have refused to go. upon which they sent word they would come and carry off the Gours in the night time and put them to death—because the

the Ryots and yours came and complained that they cannot live in this Country I have addressed you they intend to send people to disturb the country what I understood I have acquainted you I have also written to Dehly Poligar after I had heard this news from Coppla Naique Poligar of Veerapatchee I sent people to every Village to enquire particularly into it you need not suspect this news.

It is necessary to write to the Devans of Coimbatore Pulladum to prevent this disturbance.

(A true translation)

Thomas.

To Mr Thomas B Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigal

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d Instant with its enclosures.

The Board are well pleased at the distinct manner in which you have reported upon the state of outstanding balances when you took charge, and they rely with the fullest confidence on your best exertions for recovering all in your power.

If there be nothing particularly objectionable in the conduct of Appaugee Pilly (Vide C) The Board authorize his release from confinement as you have stated that the grain seized will answer the greatest part of the balance provided he can give you proper security.

The interruption which the revenues suffered from the influence of Soucars and Dubashes in the Country has been represented to the Board and their orders (as you will perceive on reference to the letter to Mr Wynch dated

14th

14th June last and those therein referred to, have been repeated for it's entire prevention; but they have to lament that nothing has been yet done by the Collector for inforcing such orders; they expect however with much confidence a successful issue to your exertions for it's total Exterpation, and in effecting this desirable object you will receive their fullest support.

I am also directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant, for the reasons you have stated and considering that you have no assistant the Board authorize you to employ a Peshcar at 25 S Pags. per Month an additional English Writer at 15 Pags. per Month and to increase the Pay for your head English Writer from 15 to 20 Pags. Monthly also to employ a Moochee. The additional English Writer and additional pay of 5 Pagodas in the Charges Extraordinary and the Board rely upon your dismissing the additional writer whenever you can dispense with his services.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
10 October 1796 }

(signed) S Lushington
Secretary

To Mr. Thomas B Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive copy of your Register of Bills for the Month of June, properly authenticated, which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the Bills transmitted in the course of that Month with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information

respecting them —

I am &ca

(Signed) S Lushington
Secretary

Fort St. George
11th October 1796

Register of Bill for the Month of June 1796.

				P.	F.	C.	
1796 June	4th		1 Bill by Mr. R Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General Cully Fanams 87500 at 17½ Cully Fanams per S Pagoda — — — — —	5000.	..	..	Transferred 30th June
			St. Pagodas — — — — —	5000.	..	..	

Dindigul 25th June 1796
E.E.
per
(Signed) George Wynch
Collector

Dindigul 5th July 1796
(Signed) Wm. Harington

(Signed) S. L.
Secretary

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.
In charge of the Collections of the District of Dindigul

Sir

Requiring 12,000 Pagodas to clear in full the demands upon me for the present Month; and to be provided with a sufficiency to discharge those of November, you will particularly oblige by informing me as early as possible what proportion of the above sum, you think you shall be able to advance in total between this and the latter end of next Month, and the periods that you reckon you

you shall have ready any particular amount to advance me.

I have &ca

Madura
12th October 1796

(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster

T. B. Hurdis Esqre
Collector

Sir

I am favored with your letter of the 10th and am concerned that the force, two Companies of the 2d Battn 3d Regiment N. I under my Command at this station — cannot afford the guards which you require to be detached.

I have ordered a Detachment of one Native Officer, two Havildars, two Naigues and forty Sepoys to be in readiness to move at the shortest notice; and should Myil Tombee and his Banditti enter any part of the Country after — ordering them to march, I will follow with such additional force as I can well spare to repel the Invaders.

I take the liberty of observing that there are two — parties in this Country; one apprehensive of the restoration of the Poligar; the other that Terowangoody will be reinstated in the management of the Country should either take place one party will certainly leave the Country to avoid the persecution which they so much dread but — should the Poligar and this man be removed from Dindigul I will not hesitate to declare that the Inhabitants will continue peaceable Cultivators of the land.

I have &ca

Pylney
October 13th 1796

(Signed) James Oliver
Lieutt. Col. Commg.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant with its Enclosures respecting the threatened incursion of the Bastard Brother of the Poligar of Pylney into that District, and to transmit for your information and guidance, copy of the Board's letter to Government on this subject.

I am &ca.
(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Fort St. George
14th October 1796.

Revenue Department

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council.

My Lord.

We lose no time in laying before you a letter with its enclosure Mr. Hurdis stating the particulars of an attack with which the Pylney District is threatened by the Bastard Brother of the Deposed Poligar. The steps taken by the Acting Collector to repel the meditated incursion appear to us judicious and we trust these and his presence in the Pylney District will induce the inhabitants to return in confidence to their cultivation.

In regard to the last paragraph of the Actg. Collector's letter requesting to be informed whether he shall act offensively if found absolutely necessary We conclude he means only to repel force by force, not to follow the Banditti into Tippoo's Country, and have advised him accordingly.

We &ca.
(Signed) Edwd. Saunders
&ca. Members

Fort St. George
14th October 1796

(A true copy)

Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

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To Mr. T B Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir

I beg leave to remind you of your Annual Accounts for the Fusly year.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
14th October 96

(Signed) Jno. Mitford
Acctt. B. R.

Mr. T B Hurdis
Collector of Dindigul
Sir

Agreeably to your requisition I shall order a Jemidar's guard to proceed to Varamadura tomorrow morning and order the Company that is now stationed there to join this Garrison.

I am totally unacquainted that any Sepoys has been employed in collecting sheep and if the Officer stationed at Varamadura has employed them, it was unknown to me.

The Butcher that supplies the Troops in this Garrison with mutton procures them without the assistance of a single Sepoy, nor has there been one employed by me for near two years, and as there is no complaints against the mode of procuring sheep and the mutton being better for this some time past, than it was formerly I wish to continue the present mode of procuring our supplies.

I have &ca.

Dindigul
16th October 1796

(Signed) J. Cuppage
Coll. Comm.

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of the District of Dindigul
Sir

I have been honored with yours of the 17th and as it has been presented to me to ascertain first, what the

Collector

Collector of Dindigul expects to advance me for each successive Month, and next to apply to the Collector of the Poligar Peshcush, and then to report to the Paymaster General, as soon after the transmission of my Estimate as possible any deficiency that may eventually arise; permit me therefore to request, that you will as far as practicable estimate any particular sum that you expect you can furnish me with in the course of the ensuing Month. The 600 you propose now to advance will enable me to manage for the present.

I have &ca.

(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster

Madura
19th October 1796

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant with it's enclosures.

It is very satisfactory to the Board to observe the expectation expressed in their letter to Government of the 14th Instant that the judicious measures you had taken and your presence in the Pulney District would induce the inhabitants to return in Confidence to their Cultivation is likely to be completely realized.

The steps which you have taken to restore the confidence of the inhabitants in the Sirkar's justice (which they are sorry to observe was so much shaken by the measures pursued when Teroovangoody was in power) are also entirely approved by the Board; and if you be of opinion that a proclamation assuring them that he will never be permitted to return to the District will be attended with good effect – you have their authority for making it public.–

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The Board leave entirely to your discretion the expediency of detaining Vellaida Naigue and Terowangoody at Dindigul but if you think the Public interest will be better guarded from injury by their removal to Trichinopoly they authorize you to do so, so soon as their evidence has been finally closed.

I am &ca

Fort St. George }
19 October 1796 }

(Signed) S Lushington
Secretary

T B Hurdis Esqre
Collector &ca &ca

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that in obedience to the orders of Government of the 12th Instant I intend to march to Dindigul on Monday the 24th with the two Companies of my Battalion, leaving a Jemadar's Guard at this station.

I have &ca

Pylney }
October 20th 1796 }

(Signed) James Oliver
Lieut. Col. Commg.

To Thomas B Hurdis Esqre
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Inclosed you will receive Duplicate of the Invoice of Stationary allowed to you for the Current year dispatched to you from hence this day, should a larger supply be required you will transmit an Extra Indent mentioning the reason that render an additional quantity necessary.

I am &ca

Fort St. George }
21st October }
1796 }

(Signed) S Lushington
Secretary

Duplicate

Duplicate

Invoice of a Stationary sent to Mr. T. B. Hurdis Collector in the Dindigul District.

Quills	1600	N
Medium	17	Quires
Demy	5	Do.
Foolscap	75	Do.
King's Arms	26	Do.
Post	19	Do.
Quarter Post	20	Do.
Cartredge Paper	5	Do.
Blotting Do.	5	Do.
Chit Do.	3	Do.
Pen knives	5	No.
Pounce	4	lb
Ink Powder	17	Papers
Sealing wax	5	lbs
Wafers	5	Boxes
Tapes	11	Pieces
Pencills	14	N
Ink stand	1	Do
Ink bottle	7	Do
Erasing knives	2	Do
Scissars	2	Do
Straps	3	Do
Ivory folders	4	Do
Round Ruler	1	Do
Sand Boxes	2	Do
Lantern	1	Do
Rubbers	3	Do

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Rev. Off.
21st October 96

Public

Public Department

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To Mr. Thomas Bowyer Hurdis

Acting Collector in the Dindigul District

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to desire that you will cease to make any farther advances to the Commercial Residents in your neighbourhoods and that after providing for the necessary military and revenue disbursements in your District you will hold the balance of cash at the disposal of Government - should any opportunities of remitting to the Presidency by safe bills occur you will avail yourself of them from time to time to remit any balance that may be in your hands to the Treasury.

I am &ca.

(signed) J Webbe
Secretary

Fort St. George
22d October 1796

T B Hurdis Esqr.

In charge of the Revenues at Dindigul

Sir

The Hirkarah I sent to Barapoory returned last night and reports that Vulla Condama Naigue and his manager had left that place about a Month or Six weeks ago, that their residence at it was nearly temporary, and that he was informed they had gone to a place called Caroonda Mulla in Boochee Naigues Pollum - as this Poligar is under my authority I have sent orders on the subject of apprehending the Ayloor Poligar and his Manager, and if they should remain at the last mentioned place I may possibly be successful.

I have &ca.

(signed) George Powney
Collector

Ramnad
23 October 1796

To

J. B. Hurdis Esqre

My dear Sir

What you say of Vepondave Pilly is perfectly consistent with second sense. As to Vellaida Naigue and Trivangoody we shall accommodate them when it is necessary.

When Harington and Macleod were at Dindigul they expressed to Col. Cuppage their belief that a Jemidar's guard at Pylney would be sufficient and in consequence, I applied to Collin and Col. Oliver to Dindigul, as it was very desirable to take the first opportunity of assembling as many of his Corps as could be collected, in order the better to compleat the new Formation of the Army as far as regarded that Regiment.

It is very unlucky if the removal has happened when the public service required their presence at Pylney, as that is the first object, to which every other Consideration is secondary.

If you find the Jemidar's Detachment insufficient, it may easily be increased to a Subadar, Jemidar and 50 men or even to a Company, with an European Officer as occasion may require, upon your requisition to Colonel Cuppage. But I am clear that as much of the Battalion as possible, consistent with the tranquillity and regularity of the Country should be kept together at Dindigul with the Lieutenant Col. my friend Oliver was stationed there when Captain purely to accommodate him with Batta. But I always knew it was disadvantageous to the Corps, that he should be at Pylney with a small portion of it.

A thousand thanks for your very interesting intelligence regarding Tippoo. I receive it as you intend I should, not as intelligence you vouch for of your own knowledge.

Cornwallis

Commr. Dean is a respectable man, and I should lament any personal misfortune that befell him - Seid Saib's abilities are inferior. War is at all times a bad thing - but a hot Indian War at this juncture would be more than usually inconvenient. A strong opinion prevails that Sir G Elphinstone is gone with the India men to the Mauritius upon an invitation from the inhabitants, who claims protection. If this proves true it will be a most curious event and of great importance in making Peace.

Trichinopoly
24th October 1796

I remain &ca
(Signed) J. Floyd

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqre
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

The Resident of Tanjore having been desired to remit me a Considerable sum of Cash I shall have no occasion to take any more from you for the present but shall in the middle of next Month advise you what is the Amount of my Indent for December.

I have &ca
(Signed) Robt Hughes
Paymaster

Madura
30th October 1796

To Mr T. B. Hurdis Esqre
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt your letter of the 26th Ultimo, and the Board direct that you do not receive the first Kist of the Veerapatchee Poligar till further orders. The Board sensible of the importance of the object in view, a Complete Survey and Settlement of the Country and having every reliance on your attention to economy sanction under the circumstan-
-ces you

your have stated the Charge of Sixty nine Pagodas monthly for tents to accommodate yourself & Cutcherry.

I am &ca

Fort St. George }
1st November 1796 }

(Signed) S Lushington
Secretary.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

(Circular) You will be pleased to raise a head of "Cochneal" in your Accounts under which all purchases of that article must be brought.

I am &ca

Fort St George }
2d November 1796 }

(Signed) Jno. Mitford
Acctt. R B

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
in Charge of the Revenues of Dindigul

Sir

I do myself the honor to transmit to you the copy of a letter which I have this Instant received from the Nabob Omdatul Omrah. As the Poligar he complains of is now dependent on Dindigul, you will of course issue such orders on the subject as you may judge necessary.

I am &ca

Ramnad }
4 November 1796 }

(Signed) George Powney
Collector

His Highness the Nabob Omdatul Omrah Wallanjah Bahauder of Arcot & the Carnatic &ca &ca &c &ca

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of the Southern Poligar's Peshcush

My friend

I learn from repeated letters from the

Naib

Naik of the Madura District, that Amma Naigue Poligar depending upon Dindigul commits depredation upon the Talook of Sholindaum belonging to Madura, and has carried off and put in confinement the Aumil and Mahanjins of that place, That one Siddy Murtazaw a Servant of the said Poligar with a Body of 600 Peons carried off three of the principal Ryots of the said Talook and after exacting a sum of money from them, under the denomination of a Fine set them at liberty. In consequence of the oppression of this Poligar the Ryots of Madura are much alarmed, I therefore desire you will be pleased to issue strict orders to this turbulent Poligar to liberate the Aumil and other people belonging to the Madura District whom he has in durance and to forbear offering in future any injury to the Ryots and the Villages.

Your attention to this business in curbing the insolence of the aforesaid Poligar will be esteemed an act of great Friendship.

Wat can I write more.

(A true Copy)

Chepauk
16 October 1796

(signed) George Powney
Collector

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

It is the wish of the Board that in your Account of Customs you will in future insert separate Columns for Cotton and Cotton thread.

I am &ca

Fort St. George
5 November 1796

(signed) George Read
Dy. Secy. B R

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Circular/ In future instead of sending a duplicate of your Demand Collection and Balance with your Monthly Accounts that sent to the Board on the 5th of each Month will be transferred to my Office and in order to lessen as much as possible the labour in the Department of Accounts, I have obtained permission from the Board of Revenue to dispense with your sending the following Accounts Monthly.—

Accounts Current with the Zemindars or Renters.
Accounts Current of Aumaunee Districts.
Accounts Current of Deposits.
Moyen Zabitah/but if any alteration be made therein in regard to the names of principal Servants, you need only send a Memorandum thereof, or mention them in your letter accompanying the Monthly Accounts shewing how it arises/ and the Account Particulars of Customs.—

You will in future send these Accounts for each Quarter Vizt. from 1st May to 31st July from 1st Augt. to 31st October from 1st November to 31st January and from 1st February to 30 April.

I am &ca.
/Signed/ Jno. Mitford
Accountt. B R.

Fort St. George
7th November 1796

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Circular/ I am directed to transmit for your information and guidance Extract of a letter dated the 3d Instant from the Superintendent of Company's Nopalry pointing the means of preventing the destruction of the opuntia by the Cochineal Insects.—

You will in your next report detail the measures you take for introducing the Culture

of

of the plant amongst the natives in the District under your management. Considering the nature of the Orders of Government of September 1795, the facility of attending the whole process of obtaining the Cochineal and the obvious and almost immediate advantage to be derived from its Culture, the Board entertain hopes you will not find much difficulty in generally establishing it they desire you will give the subject your particular attention by making opuntia plantations in the principal Villages, and by inducing the inhabitants to plant it on the sides of Roads, round back yards &ca &ca..

The Board are the more desirous of receiving from you an early and satisfactory report upon this subject, as they have been called upon by Government to state the progress of the Collector's Endeavours to introduce this important speculation.

I am &ca

Fort St. George
7 November 1796

(signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Extract of a Letter from Doctor Berry dated 3d November 1796.

In regard to the plant I have to state in addition to former observations that after the leaves become yellow from two or three generations of Insects if cut down the ground dug and made to cover the Roots, they will shoot up leaves, that in six or eight months may grow to tolerable sized plants at least some I treated so in August at present promise well but if the plants are allowed to be destroyed the Roots in general lose all vegitating power this with what Mr. Carnie has mentioned of cutting off the leaves after the Collection of the Insect and planting them so as to be covered with earth when they will vegitate may probably avert the destruction of the plant hitherto apprehended

for

for the washing and keeping clean plants, that insects have been on requires more attention than is likely to be given; & for a long time, the leaves slowly recovering from their exhaustion and seldom I believe attaining their former luxuriance or vigor sufficient to throw out other healthy leaves, for this reason it may be preferable to cut them down to the ground, that the Root not yet much injured from the check to the circulation of its juices may produce a new plant. Having shewn your letter and Cochineal to Doctor Anderson he requested I would mention his satisfaction at even this beginning, but that unless the Collector of the Jaghere will influence the Aumildars and other Native Revenue Officers so as to induce their interesting the Ryots as to the care of the plant and Collection of the insect, very little advantage can be taken of the great quantities of Nopal in the Jaghere as the greatest part of both plants and insects must otherways be lost, and from which it is impossible to say how much might have been collected and how much the poorest and most infirm of the Ryots might have been benefited as Doctor Anderson in the neighbourhood of Madras alone has collected in three Months above nine hundred Pounds weight of the dried insect.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) George Strattin

Actg. Dy. Secry.

To T. B. Hurdis Esqre.

Acting Collector of Dindigul

Sir

I have received your letter of yesterday and shall agreeably to your request, and the orders of Government communicate the contents to Major General Floyd.

I shall order half a Company of Sepoys with an European Officer to proceed to-morrow morning and escort Velluda Naique late Poligar of Pylney to Trichinopoly agreeably

to your requisition and hope you will have a conveyance ready for him to-morrow morning at Gun fire. 114

The two prisoners that are now in Confinement with Vellaida Naigue and delivered over to me by Lieutenant Colonel Oliver shall be kept in Confinement till I receive your instructions how they are to be disposed of.

The strictest secrecy you may be assured will be observed on my part.

I have &ca.

Dindigul
12 November 1796

(Signed) J. Cuppage
Col. Commandg.

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Collector &ca. &ca.

Sir

I take the liberty of recommending to your attention the case of Lingum Moniagar of Ammaputty in the Pyluey Country, who thro' the unjust representation of Mr. George Wynch, late Collector, was not provided for in the manner I had promised him, and recommended to Government.

His case is particularly striking as his defection from his late Master was occasioned by extreme ill treatment he had experienced by being confined and punished, and having two Daughters forcibly taken from him by Vellaida Naigue and married to two slaves of inferior Casts.

I can safely declare that my description of Ammaputty was correctly just, and that Mr. Wynch's was erroneous in the extreme, and calculated to destroy that confidence which it should be the study of every individual in the service to inspire the natives with and particularly upon such occasions.

Attention to his case, and granting him what I promised, which I trust will not appear too great must be attended with beneficial consequences.

I beg leave to recommend this man to your

notice

notice and protection, and to request that you will be pleased to submit my representation to the consideration of the Board of Revenue.

I have &ca.

Dindigul 12th November 1796 } (signed) James Oliver Lieut. Col. Comg. 2d B3R

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Dear Sir

Vellaida Naigue shall be secured conformably to your wishes but having no convenient place here, that occurs to me, I believe he must be forwarded to Tanjore, where there is abundance of Room and to this circumstance, I recollect in a conversation, you expressed your satisfaction.

My eyes remain so weak, after the Country Complaint, that I am obliged to write and read as little as possible but they mend daily.

I remain &ca.

Trichinopoly 12 November 1796 } (signed) J. Floyd

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

In charge of the Revenue Dindigul

Sir

Send me a man who will point out the Wife & Family of Tombey and I will secure them. I have had information of his late Exploits and I think I shall soon lay hold of him.

I am &ca.

Ramnad 12th November 1796 } (signed) George Powney Collector

Secret Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 5th

5th Instant and to acquaint you that for the reasons you have assigned his Lordship conceives it would be of great public utility to secure the person of Tomba Gour. He therefore authorizes you to require from Colonel Cuppage a military aid for this purpose but as secrecy seems indispensable to the success of the measure I enclose an order to that Officer which you will use when the occasion may offer or destroy in case Tomba Gour should be too far removed to afford a prospect of apprehending his person.

I am &ca.
(signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary

Fort St. George
12th November 1796

To Colonel Cuppage
Commanding at Dindigul

Sir

It is the Command of the Right Honorable the President in Council that on your receipt of this letter two Companies of Sepoys with their proper proportion of Officers be ordered to attend Mr. Hurdis the Acting Collector at Dindigul with written instructions from yourself to the prior Officer to pay implicit attention to the requisitions of the Collector with regard to the employment of this force.

I am &ca.
(signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary

Fort St. George
12th November 1796

Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.
In charge of the Revenues Dindigul

Sir

I have received your letter of the 11th and have given the necessary orders to the Poligars Dottappa Naigue and Woodappa Naigue to refrain from committing depredations in Pereacolum and Cotampollum and I have further notified to these Poligars that such depredations as shall be proved to have been committed I shall hold them res-

=responsible for.

I have &c.a

Ramnad
14th November 1796 }

(Signed) J. Powney
Collector

Dindigul 15th November 1796.

Dear Sir

I am just favored with yours of the 14th and can have no objection to the Poligar's being sent to Tanjore if you think it most expedient.

Nevertheless as he did not swear to the evidence he gave respecting Mr. Wynch thro' an omission of mine I must come to Trichinopoly to see that he makes oath to what he has advanced this will occasion a few days delay only and I shall have the honor of advising you so soon as the proceedings are closed.

I am concerned to hear of your Complaint we please ourselves by supposing ease in a remedy but patience under tortures excruciating is not often practiced tho' this perhaps the only physic that is efficacious.

I am &c.a

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqre.
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

The Estimate of my disbursements for the ensuing Month amounting to 7000 Pagodas permit me to request information as early as convenient what part of it you will be able to afford me by the 1st of the Month.

I have &c.a

Madura
16th November 1796 }

(Signed) R. Hughes
Paymaster

To T. B. Hurdis Esqre.

Dear Sir

Lieutenant Cwill delivered the late Poligar

Vellaida

Vellaida Naigue, into my charge this day. he shall at all events remain here till I hear further from you.

As he arrived unprovided with any thing & you gave me no intimation regarding subsistence, I have advanced him 20 Pagodas and shall be glad of information regarding the future.

To my eyes I applied both remedies patience and medicine, and have succeeded very well indeed, tho' they still remain dim and weak.

I remain &ca
(Signed) J Floyd

Trichinopoly
17 November 1796

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector of Dindigul

Sir

As the Company's allowance of one Pagoda per day to Vellaida Naigue late Poligar of Pylney ceased yesterday, and as there still remains three prisoners on the rock that was in confinement with him, I request to know how they are to be subsisted in future.

I have &ca
(Signed) J Cuppage
Coll. Commandt.

Dindigul
18 November 1796

17 Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.
in charge the Revenues at Dindigul

Sir

Comaravaudy Luckia Naigue has represented that his Ryots had always cultivated Poonjah lands of Poodawaddy appertaining to Comarawauddy Pollam, and that a part of these lands have been cultivated this year and as his ryots were ploughing the remainder they were prevented by Peons sent by the Aumildar of Ayloor Pollam that the present was the season for cultivating Horse gram, which they intended to sow in it, and that by such prevention a loss would accrue to them.

I apprehend the lands in question are the boundaries of the two Pollams, and that the claim to them is not very clear. I request therefore you will send some of the Ayloor inhabitants to the spot and I shall direct that some of the Comarawaddy people meet them that the matter may be settled by arbitrations according to the customs of the Country.

I am &ca.

Ramnad
20 November 1796

(signed) George Powney
Collector

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
in charge of the Revenues Dindigul

Sir

A dispute arose last year between Nuttum Lingum Naick and the inhabitants of Vembarputty and Unjookullyputty Villages dependant on Dindigul respecting a jungle which separates Nuttum Lingum Naick's Pollam from them which jungle had been a bone of Contest between the parties for many years and had never been settled; I wrote to Mr. Wynch on this subject but I believe nothing was done to ascertain the claims of the respective parties.

Nuttum Lingum Naick now represents that the inhabitants of the two before mentioned Villages are clearing the jungle for the purpose of cultivating it, that he had desired them to desist which they would not attend to and that in consequence he had also began to clear a part of the jungle. As this may occasion disturbances between the parties and end in bloodshed, I directed Nuttum Lingum Naick not

to

to proceed in clearing the jungle, but to wait my further instructions. I have sent him this letter that he may produce on the disputed spot / where you may order some of the inhabitants of the Villages to attend / such documents as he may have, to substantiate his claim to the jungle or that the matter be settled by arbitration conformably to the custom of the Country.

I am &ca.

Ramnad
20th November 1796

(Signed) George Powney
Collector

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 12th and 14th Instant with their enclosures.

You will be pleased to inform Lieutenant Col. Oliver that if he be desirous of making any further representation in favor of Lingum it must be directed immediately to Government to whose consideration his case has been already submitted.

The Board fully approve of your having called upon Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage to station a Company of Sepoys under Command of an Officer in the Pylney District to give confidence to the inhabitants; of your having requested him to send Vellaida Naick the late Poligar under a strong and sufficient guard to Trichinopoly and of your having written to Mr. Powney to secure the family of the Gour. As you have brought this subject under the notice of Government in a specific and

and Comprehensive manner, orders will doubtless be given to punish the offender and the Board reflect with much pleasure on the efficacy such measures are likely to derive from your judicious zeal and activity.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
22d November 1796 } .. (Signed) S Lushington
Secretary

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector &ca. &ca.

Sir

A scarcity of Colly fanams in the Bazar & none being issued in payment by the Paymaster puts it out of my power to pay my Battalion, to obviate which, request you will be pleased to give me fanams for three hundred Str. Pagodas, which I trust you can do.

I have &ca.

Dindigul. }
23d November 1796 } (Signed) I Oliver
Lieut. Cl. Comg. 2d B 3d R

Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of Dindigul

Sir

The Bearers hereof are my gardeners, and has been in my pay these several Months past - and yesterday, and to day, they complained to me that the Canicopoly belonging to the Maneagar, of the Village Arrainoot, wanted to exact from one of them, 5 and the other 3 Colly fanams for their houses, and as there are, other gardeners belonging to the Gentlemen of Dindigul living in the same Village, which nothing has been exacted from them, therefore, Sir, it is very hard for my servants to pay, when other Gentlemen's gardeners does not -

I therefore hope Sir, that you will be so pleased as for to order the same to be enquired into, to prevent the same in future.-

I have &ca.

Dindigul
25th November 1796 } (signed) J. Johnson
Comd. of Store

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Collector of Dindigul

Sir,

The Jemidar's guard shall be ordered directly, but it will now be impossible for them to proceed before tomorrow morning.

The Jemidars shall have orders to obey any instructions you are pleased to give him and a suitable quantity of ammunition shall be sent with the party.-

I will be obliged to you to let me know what number of firelocks you would wish the party to consist of.

I have &ca.

Dindigul
26th November 1796 } (signed) J. Cuppage
Col. Commg.

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Collector of Dindigul

Sir

Having sent the accompanying charge to Major General Floyd in consequence of your letter to me of the 21st and this day I received the following answer from Major Cuppage by order of the General.

The General desires me to return you the enclosed, and to say that he conceives Mr. Hurdis is to

Enclosure wanting

to balance the Dindigul account, more especially as there are three others included in the bill.

I therefore request you will be pleased to order it to be discharged.

I have &ca.

Dindigul
27th November 1796

(signed) J Cuppage
Col. Comm.g

T. B Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector of Dindigul

Sir

I received your letter of this day informing me that Sawmy Moodelly has conducted the Arrack Licence in the Pettah for some time past and not finding that he has any Cowl for it you beg the favor of me to give him positive orders to cease. The arrack Farm being an appendage of Revenue, and as such it will be rented for the benefit of the Sirkar.

On my arrival in this Garrison in August 1794 The privilege of selling Parriar Arrack in the Pettah was delivered over to me by the then Commanding Officer and I understood it was an indulgence granted to every Commanding Officer since the place was taken by a Detachment of the Army under General Stuart in 1790 but as you have demanded it in the name of the Sirkar I shall order my servant to cease.

Your prohibiting the Arrack Farmer to sell arrack to the Europeans and Sepoys is perfectly sufficient if he abides strictly to your orders; as it is well known from experience that both Europeans and Sepoys will

buy

buy it, if possible to be got for love or money - and as Lieutenant Colonel Brown who succeeds me in the Command will be here in a few days I will leave it to him to take such steps and publish what orders he may think necessary..

As soon as I receive a present state of the 2d Battalion 5th Regiment I will let you know what number I think can be detached with propriety from this garrison.

I have &ca.

Dindigul }
27th November 1796 }

(Signed) J Cuppage.
Col. Commandg.

To
Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqre.
in charge of the Revenues Dindigul

Sir

I have received your letter of the 26th The two Peons you sent to identify the persons of Gollapah Naick and his Harbar arrived here two days ago I sent them with two of my Hircarrahs with an order to the present Poligar Dottapah Naick to deliver over the persons in question, I chose rather to depend on his obedience in this matter than to send Sepoys, because their appearance would have given the alarm and Gollapah Naick would have been off, indeed I am afraid, the plan I have taken may not succeed, for the Poligars are ever on the watch and the appearance of our Hirkarrahs may counteract it, the peons you sent seem perfectly ignorant of the place where Gollapah Naick is, and never were in that Pollam..

You need not apprehend any trouble from Vodapah Naik the father in law of Gollapah, as he took his departure a few days ago since, to visit his forefathers the present

present Poligar is a minor and I shall take means to prevent his Manager giving you trouble.

I have sent the most positive injunctions to Yellamada to refrain from depredatory Acts, these petty Marauders will soon be summoned to my Cutcherry, when I shall make them enter into puckah Muchelkahs; when Yellamada arrives I shall see what can be done with respect to the recovery for what he became security; but from the knowledge I have of the resources of his Pollam I fear we may not expect much success.

I have &ca

Ramnad 29th November 1796 } (Signed) Geo Powney Collector.

P.S. I observe that you say that Gollapah Naick is at Cuchacutty this is a petty Pollam dependant to the Madura District and under the Nabobs Authority it is a pity I had not known this before, our Hirkarrahs were dispatched to Oodapa Naigue's Pollam.

To Mr. T B Hurdis

Acting Collector Dindigul

Sir

I will be obliged to you to forward an Abstract Account of Customs collected from each Talook for the Month of June last drawn out in Star Pagodas, as well as Chuckrums; I find it was omitted to be sent by Mr. Harington, and without it I can-not conveniently compare some statements which the Board have sent us with the books of this Office. The sooner

sooner you can let me have it the better.

20 37

I am &c.

Fort St. George
30th November 1796

(Signed) George Read
Dy. Acctt. R. B.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 22d. Instant and to acquaint you that orders have been sent to Major General Floyd to furnish such force as to him may seem necessary, as well for the seizure of the Person of Tomba Gour as for dispossessing the Verapatchee Poligar of his possession, in case it should be found that he has been in League with the Gour in the disturbances committed by him on account of which Tippoo has so much cause of Complaint.

You will acquaint the Sultan's Officer that the President in Council has come to the resolution of taking the most effectual means for putting an end to those disturbances that, in order to accomplish this object, it will be proper he should keep up a constant correspondence with you relative to the Gours Motions, so that he may not be able to escape falling into the hands of one or other of the Detachments but that it does not appear advisable that either party should pass the Boundary of the other, since that might

lead

lead to consequences which it would be well to avoid.

If you shall have certain information that the Verapatchee Poligar is in concert with Tomba-Gour, the President in Council would have you, in communication with the Commanding Officer, take measures for securing his person likewise and that effected, you will declare the Pollam to be forfeited to the Company.

The President in Council directs that you correspond with Major General Floyd, and communicate to him every matter necessary for his information.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
30th November 1796 } (Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary

J. B. Hurdis Esqre.

Collector &ca. &ca.

Sir

A scarcity of fanams in the Bazar obliges me to request the favor of you to exchange five hundred Str. Pagodas if in your power to enable me to issue pay to my Battalion.

I have &ca.

Dindigul }
9th December 1796 } (Signed) James Oliver
Lieut. Colonel Comg. 2d Bn. 3d Regt.

J. B. Hurdis Esqre.

Collector in the Dindigul District

Sir

It has been reported to this Office by the

D/r

Deputy Post Master at Trichinopoly that on the 28th Ultimo the Colleries at Ammanaigue Pollam in your District attached the Tappal Peon charged with the southern Mail which after having severely beat the Peon - they broke open.

As excess of this nature may be of very considerable detriment both to the public service and to individuals - I request your interference to prevent the like in future.

Were I allowed to suggest an expedient to prevent similar irregularities. I conceive that holding the Country People responsible for them would be the most efficacious.

I am &ca.

(Signed) S Wallace
Dy. P. M. General

G. P. O.
Fort St. George
9th December 1796

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

Requiring 7600 Pagodas for my disbursements of ensuing Month I beg to be informed as early as convenient what part of that sum, you will be able to afford me on the 1st of it.

I have the honor &ca.

(Signed) R Hughes
Paymaster

Madura
10th December 1796

I attack you this early because Powney wants to know (soon) my demands on him next Month and pray enable me to meet his wishes as soon as

as you can say. Pass and want

Yours very truly

(Signed) R. H.

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

In charge of the Revenues Dindigul

Sir

The two Peons you sent to identify Gollapa Naik have returned with my Hircarrahs it would appear that your Gollapah Naik has not been in Oodapa Naiks Pollam your Peons will acquaint you of the particulars attending their inquiries.

Ramnad }
10th December 1796 }

I am &ca.

(Signed) George Powney
Collector

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Accountant General having called upon me for the Accounts of Quick and Dead Stock to 31st October last, I have to request you will furnish me with your Accounts to that period with as little as possible.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
12th December 1796 }

(Signed) Jno. Mitford
Accot. B. R.

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 11th arrived this day.

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver, the temporary Commandant of Dindigul is a very good man. But

I thought it advisable to make the Commander of the Detachment independent of any Military Controul but my own or Superior authority.

I am glad you are satisfied with the force. Most likely the Paymaster, or his Agent at Dindigul, acts there, as in most places, for the Commissary of Supplies your countenance and assistance to him will, most likely, be necessary. Bullocks and Drivers and Lascars, and Bamboo Coolies for the Camp Equipage of the four Companies furnished from Dindigul arrack and Provisions, with it carriage, for the Europeans (Artillary) of the Detachment.

A Bazar equal to the want of the Detach=ment particularly for the abundant supply of the Sepoys, is what I request of you to order Camp Equipage, and its proper carriage, for the two Companies, from Madura, move along with Major Haliburton.

The two Companies were to move off from Madura on the 11th Instant. So that all will be ready to act at once.

Another Company may very likely be proper at Pylney and if you will have the goodness to Communi=cate with Major Haliburton. You will find him ready on all occasions. I beg to recommend him particularly to your confidence and attentions although his appear=ance is outshowy and he is oppressed with Complaints when inactive, he has nevertheless second sense and great experience particularly in War-fare of this nature;

~~is~~ has abundance of zeal. It may be advisable to maintain the secret of the operations against the Gour as long as possible and what is *further intended* to the very last moment. Haliburton was necessarily made acquainted with the whole and I should have been glad if it had rested with him and Colonel Cuppage for I love to give as little scope to indiscretion as possible. All I fear is the Gour dispersing his party, and moving off before our people are near enough to follow him up.

What I meant to complain of was the ceremonial with which you stated your opinions, for which there is no sort of occasion between us. I have heard that the poor Poligars had often been very improperly treated by the Gour you mention. It is a very melancholy reflection that they should have been proved to mistrust and to take a line of Conduct which obliges the operation of rigour towards them. It is however, better that all these petty Sovereigns should be suppressed. Their feudal Government and love of arms, renders them suspicious Friends and unproductive tributaries. The armed man is seldom a good cultivator.

I think great good may result from your having a conference with Adam Caun Loahine provided it can be done without the knowledge of the Gour, and therefore very desirable, so qualified.

I

I will write to Mr. Powney about proscribing the Gour at Ramgherry.

Vallaida Naigue sent me word that he heard, with grief, of depredations but assured me he had no concern in them. This day I have a letter from Government, saying that you are directed to reimburse me whatever I have advanced to him, and that you are instructed for his future subsistence. I therefore beg to mention that he had of me, in all, Pagodas 25 for which I have receipt.

Trichinopoly
13th December 1796

I have &ca.
(signed) J. Floyd

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed by Major General Floyd to acquaint you, that the Baggage &c belonging to the Pylney Poligar which you some time since mentioned had been sent to him is not arrived. the General further has desired me to say to you that the Prisoner is in want of his Monthly allowance for subsistence.

I have &ca.
(signed) S. Gibbons
Fort Adjt.

Trichinopoly
14th December 1796

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Board desire that you will provide for the subsistence of the Pylney Poligar at Trichinopoly, & reimburse the Commandant in the sums, which may have been already expended on that account,

Carrying

Carrying all sums paid on this account to the head of ("allowance to the dispossed Poligar of Pylney.")

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
14th December 1796

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
In charge of the Revenues Dindigul

Sir

The Saupatoor Pollam is assumed by me and I expect some trouble from it's Poligar Caumbee Naique, so long as a possess power and when his means fail him I suspect he will seek refuge with some of the Poligars under Dindigul. I therefore request you will be so good as to be on the look out after him.

I have &ca.

Ramnad
15th December 1796

(Signed) George Powney
Collector

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your Registers of Bills from the Month of June to October inclusive, properly authenticated, which are to serve as acknowledgements of the Bills transmitted in that period with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
15th December 1796

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Register of the Bills of Remittances to Revenue Treasury from 1st June to 30th September 1796. 24

1796			St. Pag.	F.	C.	
July	27th	1 Bill by Mr. G Read on Mr. Geo Parry	100	"	"	Received 16th August 1796
Septr.	5th	1 Do. by Mr. Harington on Arnachellum Chetty	200	"	"	Do. 30th September 1796
	14th	1 Do. by Mr. W. Hawkinson on Mr. Robuck Military Paymaster G.	431	"	"	Transferred 30th October /96
	23d	1 Do. by Mr. Harington on Arnachellum Chetty	100	"	"	Received 22d November /96
		Total Star Pagodas	831	"	"	

Dindigul 6th October 1796

E. E. per

(signed) T. B. Hurdis

Actg. Collector

(signed) S. L.

Secretary

Register of Paymaster Bills from 1st June to 30th September 1796

1796			St. Pag.	F.	C.	
June	4th	1 Bill by Mr. R. Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	5000	"		Transferred 30th June /96
July	8th	1 Do. Do. Do.	3000	"		31st July 1796
Augt.	9th	1 Do. Do. Do.	2000	"	"	31st Augt. 1796
Septr.	2d	1 Do. Do. Do.	3500	"	"	30th September /96
	5th	1 Do. Do. Do.	1500	"	"	Do. Do.
	20th	1 Do. Do. Do.	1800	"	"	31st October /96
		Star Pagodas	16800	"		

Dindigul 1st October 1796

E. E. per

(signed) T. B. Hurdis

Actg. Collector

(signed) S. Lushington

Secretary

Register of Bills for the Month of October 1796

1796 October 3d.	1 Bill by Mr. R Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Pay Mr. General	3200 ..	Transferred 31st October /96
12th	1 Do. by Do. on Do.	1000 ..	Do. Do.
17th	1 Do. by Do. on Do.	1500 ..	Do. Do.
27th	1 Do. by Do. on Do.	900 ..	Do. 30th November Do
	Star Pagodas	6600 ..	

Dindigul 1st October 1796
E. E. per
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Actg Collector
(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
In charge of the Revenues Dindigul

Sir
I have received your letter of the 13th inclosing transcript and translation of a letter from the Shevagungah Vakeel his master is not one cash in arrears to the Company nor is there one Badge Peon belonging to me in his Pollam. With respect to the transaction he complains of if founded is certainly a fraud of the first Magnitude, You will be able to judge from your instructions whether you ought to state it Government.

General Floyd has communicated to me the object of Major Haliburton's Detachment, I inclose an Enaetnamah to Sawmy Naik proscribing Tombey Gour which I will thank you to send to him (Sawmy Naik) at a fitting season.

I have &ca.
(signed) G Powney
Collector

Ramnad
17th December

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Translation of a letter from Rengappa Vakeel of Sheragungah.

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis

Lately when Mr. Wynch was Collector of Dindigul his Dubash Vassoodava Pilly & Sawmy Moodelly came to Sheragungah and said that Mr. Wynch sent him — "Who is very anxious to deal in your Pollam with money "which will be lent you at a low rate of interest, If you "make out a bond and send it to Dindigul we will "directly give you whatever sum of money you want, but "at present make out one bond for forty thousand Pags. "in Mr. Wynch's name and another in my name — "(Vassoo Tevah) for ten thousand Pags. and send them "to me" — having thus said, he left Sawmy Moodelly there and went to Dindigul — we were glad to here this because we were under the necessity of making payment to the Company and accordingly made out two Bonds one in Mr. Wynch's name for forty thousand Pags. and another in Vassoodeva pilly's name for ten thousand Pagodas and got them signed by our Master Sheragunga Servegar and sent them by the hands of Chinnasawmy Naique along with Sawmy Moodelly to Dindigul — As soon as they arrived at Dindigul Vassoodevapilly said to Sawmy Naique "I must first take the bonds and then pay you the money, the money bags are in the chest give me the

bonds

bonds and come a long, I will give you the money bags, and you shall take them" trusting his word Sawmy Naik gave Vasoodeva Pilly the bonds and demanded of him the money, which he promised to pay in the evening, in the evening he promised to pay next day, on the next the day after and so on, he put us off for one month without paying the money, afterwards he began to frighten Sawmy naique who then returned back to Sheragunga we and our Master asked him why he delivered the bonds to him without receiving the money and sent him to Dindigul to bring back the bonds he delivered, he went and waited some time and returned back to Sheragungah being unable to wait longer, from that day to this he has deceived us, and never paid the money nor returned the bonds; he deceives us perhaps to sell the bonds to some Gentlemen, saying he has paid the amount of those bonds; we came to Trichinopoly and demanded of him the bonds, some times he promises to give and some times that he will not thus he put us off.

Our Sheragungah Pollam is in great arrears to the Company, we are under many debts and in great distress I cannot express in writing how much we are pressed by the Badge Peons from Mr. Powney on account of money. In the interium i Vasoodevapilly deceived us in this manner; We shall receive these bonds through your assistance all the People and Gentlemen have told me that you conduct the business with justice and if I address a letter to you, will get me the bonds in an hour's time

time, agreeably to every one's advise I address you—
You must put us in possession of these bonds and protect our Pollam, in so doing we shall ever esteem you.

If Vassoodeva pilly go to Madras through the influence of Chinnia Moodelly, perhaps they may attempt some way or other not to return our bonds. If we dont receive those bonds we shall never be able to pay our Peishcush to the Company and be obliged to lose our Pollam. You must do us the favor to get us the bonds and thereby get good name and reputation.

You will please to get this properly translated by any of your writers and peruse it attentively and favor me with an answer.

Trichinopoly
27th Cartick

(Signed) Renguppiah
Vakeel of Sheragungah

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
(Circular) Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir

Enclosed I send you copy of a Letter just received from the Accountant General to which I request your particular attention.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
20th December 1796

(Signed) Jno. Mitford
Acct. B R.

Mr. John Mitford
(Circular) Revenue Accountant
Sir

The Accountant General at Calcutta having

having requested me to insert in our Monthly Estimate of probable receipts, the amount of Revenue, that is likely to be received in each Month, I have to request that you will in future insert such sum, as may to the best of your judgement be likely to be received in the course of the month in the Barramahl and Northern Circars &ca. — I recommend your calling upon all the Collectors for this purpose desiring them to furnish by the 15th of each month the Probable amount to be received by them in the ensuing month, in which, I do not suppose it is expected to correspond exactly with the amount that may afterwards be actually received.

I have &ca.
(signed) Robert Woolf
Acct. General

Fort St. George
Acctt. Genls. Office
19th December 1796

(A true Copy)
(Signed) G. Read
Dy. Acctt. G. R.

Sir

I am favored with your's of the 17th with the two Bills for thirteen Pags. and thirty one Pags. being Vellaida Naigues subsistence to the 31st of December instant which by General Floyd's order I received, and have paid the same to the said Vellaida Naigue and herewith transmit you his separate receipts: he has reimbursed General Floyd two sums of twenty Pagodas, and five Pagodas which the General had advanced to him.

I am &ca.
(signed) S Gibbons
Fort Adjt.

Trichinopoly
20th December 1796

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To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

(Circular) I am directed to transmit for your Guidance in purchasing Cochineal a muster of the sort for which the Superintendent of Company's Nopalry is of opinion that one Pagoda per Pound may be given. You will be therefore careful to buy none that does not nearly approach it in goodness and for this purpose it is only necessary that it be dried and cleaned according to the instructions.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
22d. December 1796 }

(Signed) Geo Stratten
Actg. Secretary

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

(Circular) The Board desire that you will be careful in future to despatch the monthly documents required to be transmitted on the 5th day of every month, under one Cover.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
28th December 1796 }

(Signed) George Stratten
Actg. Secretary

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

For your information, I transmit by desire of the Board, Extract of a letter from Government relieving you from all further dependance on the Collector of Poligar Peishcush who has been instructed to

to Communicate with you on the most effectual — means of repressing the irregularities of the Colleries on the Eastern borders of your District as noticed in your letter of the 21st Instant.

You will hereafter be furnished with orders on the other different points, it embraces.

I am &ca

Fort St. George
29th December 96

(Signed) Geo Stratton
Actg. Secretary

Extract of a letter from Government dated 24th Decr. 1796

We have appointed Mr. Charles Harris to be Assistant to the Collector at Ramnad in the room of Mr. Hurdis, and we desire that Gentle=man may be relieved from all further dependence on or Communication with Mr. Powney upon the subject of the Dindigul District; we desire — therefore that you will issue instructions accord=ingly and consider Mr. Hurdis the separate Acting Collector of Dindigul upon his present allowances.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) Geo Stratton
Actg. Secretary

Major Haliburton.

Sir

This day I have the honor of your letter of the 26th Instant no place named enclosing two letters from Mr. Hurdis of the 25th and 26th Instant. You will see by the enclosed letter to Captain Oliphant that the Gour is not at Ramgherry, and probably not in

that

that Pollam.

I have taken on me, thro' Sied Ameen Saib, Mr. Powney's Akbar Navez, at Manapar to desire that Saumy Naik will, at all event secure the horse he mentions, or any of the Gour's Party — provided they are not within Tippoo's Boundary. If the Gour certainly betrayed every where within our Boundary, he ought to be followed up — I suppose two Companies equal to that business might fallen with the Main Body.

But as the Pylney Feast is so

the first and principal object is the Veerpatchee Poligar. But I cannot imagine he will be simple enough to   to Pylney while our Detachment is there. It will however be proper to try that expedient, as suggested by Mr. Hurdis, and any other that has probability of success.

If four Companies are placed there, under an intelligent Officer (Captain Robertson) it would be well if you could be posted with your Main Body within a   march, to support or if a Couple more Companies was stationed under various   within an hour or two's march Pylney either to support, or to interrupt the   between Pylney and Veerpatchee.

It would not be advisable to enter the Hills in pursuit of Veerpatchee

of your Detach=ment, by sickness. I do not imagine Veerpatchee's Force is considerable enough or confident enough to resist an attack   of the Hills are as

to the Poligars as to strangers and
he cannot remain there without loss.
If his position and Force could be probably ascer-
-tained, and you could find yourself within
a short march of him, I do not see but an
might be attended with success. This will depend
on your own judgement after such information
as you may obtain, either thro' Mr. Hurdis, or
by your own means and it may be tried if the
Pylney after fails, as I expect it will from the
Poligar's absence.

I understood Sawmy Naique is in
great alarm on account of his with
the Govr. and probably is seriously desirous of
doing away the evil impressions he has given cause
to entertain. His country nor the ordinary defences
of Hedges and Barriers but he to his
Hills You may with all
propriety correspond with him if you it
may be useful.

No reason appear to me against
stationing hereafter, one Company at Pylney with
a and another at Yerecota or
Maumbura, as Mr. Hurdis suggests on the
contrary, I believe them to be very proper, and
even more stations. But it must
always be our to accomplish great objects
by small means otherwise our Establishments
in India will exceed the produce of the Country.

As to Vasoodava Pilly's with
the Govr., it probably was and Mr. Hurdis

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be to proceed.

I still prepare setting out for Madras on the 2d January and shall return immediately to receive Lord Hobart whom I expect at Trichinopoly on the 15th of January.

Be so good as to communicate this letter to Mr Hurdis with my best Compliments.

I shall be glad of a few lines from you addressed to me at Madras just to give me of your proceedings.

Trichinopoly 29th December 1796 } I have &ca
(Signed) J. Floyd

Dear Sir

To save a tappal if possible I do myself the honor of giving you a short answer to your favor of the 27th this moment received.

Your public letter I will publicly answer the first moment I can.

The Gour is gone but his divided party have attacked the Pylney District in three quarters at Balasamdrum Talook and Nakarputty not much in a second attack they were beat off unfortunately none of the wretches

My Peons in Nellacottah seized one of the Gour's Generals and three of his leaders they are safe in the Rock.

The Iycoody Poligar sent in two this day taken in his Pollam.

Iyengar has thro' a relation begun his pranks here again. I have fortunately seized the

the   of his letters he carried a letter to Vellaud Naigue from Iyengar and got a letter from the Naigue to his people in this District the consequence is those who have been faithful to the Company.

I entreat dear sir as the only means of keeping the districts quiet that he may be pen ink and cadjan.

No harm is done as yet to cultivation I have dissembled with Veerpatchee and all is quiet here at this time.

I found it necessary to leave the Detachment to come here we are only 9 Miles apart.

I think we cannot this moment get hold of the Poligar for reasons I before stated but if we drive him to the Hills and keep him there which by sending a Company   to Percaolum at the back of his Hills on the entrance of the Vally I think practicable the weather will kill him and his followers.

Veerpatchee should be   up every part of the Village 'tis only fit for a   of thieves. I believe the Ryots have no fear for themselves for the Country is quit except on the borders of this District and once faily   of these wretches I trust it will remain so.

My Revenues are coming well in much better than I expected tho' I have no fear for any thing if I be quiet.

I fancy Mr Tippoo has some work to do at Gooty or Cannout for the relief sent to

Coim

Coimbatoor and Polachee is entirely irregular — nothing but Condachar Peons. 30

I believe I shall be able to effect one interview with the Poodoor for that it seems of the present Commandant.

Pylney 30th December 1796 — I have the honor to be with respect Dr. Sir &ca. &ca.

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

To T. B Hurdis Esqr.
Collector

Sir

I have the honor to enclose my Abstract for Extra half Batta as Commanding the 18th Company — Native Invalids, and to request you will have the goodness to affix your signature thereto.

I have &ca.

Dindigul 1st January 1797 — (Signed) E. Bagshalle
Fort Adjt.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I herewith enclose you an Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit Dated 24th Decr. /96

I am &ca.

Fort St. George 4th January 1797 — (Signed) Jno. Mitford
Acctt. R. B

Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit Dated 24th December 1796.

Dindigul Account Current for June — ---------- Read and passed

12th July .... Read and passed
31st Do. .... Do. Do.
August .... Do. Do.
September .... Read Mr. Hurdis
to quote in future the date of the authority autho-
-rising his Moyen Zabitah. /

Pagodas 214. 32. 13 being included as a
part of the Balance of Cash Mr. Hurdis will ex-
-plain what expectations he has of realizing it, and
whether the amount was levied from the Country
by the Sirkar Servants, and retained in their
hands, or be still due from the Country, though
brought to account by Mr. Wynch as a Collection in
Cash.

/A true Extract/
/Signed/ J Mitford
Acctt. B R

Sir

I have the honor of your's of the 7th covering
a Bill /31/ St. Pagodas for Vellaida Narques subsist-
-ence. I have given him the money, and herewith
transmit you his receipt, and remain.

Sir &ca.
/Signed/ S Gibbons
Fort Adjt.

Trichinopoly }
10th January /97 }

To Mr. Thomas B Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to transmit for your

information and guidance Copies of the Dindigul Committies report of the 31st August last, of the Boards proceedings thereon of the 14th November of the Minutes of Government on the above mentioned under date 23d Ultimo with Copy of the Boards final resolutions on the whole of the 5th Instant.

Enclosures wanting.

I am &ca

Fort St. George
10th January 1797

(Signed) George Stratten
Actg. Secretary

Original

To T. B Hurdis Esqr.
Collector Dindigul District

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to send you in four boxes a proportion of the young Clove trees lately received by his Lordship from Amboyna, to be planted in the most sheltered parts of the Dindigul District, as they are even when full grown, tall slender trees with spreading thick tops easily overturned by the wind. I have put them into 4 Boxes the better for distribution and recommend their being planted where the wild nutmeg and Cardamon are found, being told that their vegitation is most luxuriant and never suffering from drought and in a Clay sweet soil the earth round their roots being a reddish Clay.

Duplicate received on the 18th January 1797.

As it is a delicate tree, attention should be paid to shelter from the sun, removing the Pandals at night till such time as Plantain trees, that should be planted near them, afford sufficient shade

shade, and if at the same time they are not flooded &
the soil kept moist, they will be secured an object of
the greatest importance — In the four Boxes I had
placed 23 Trees, four however from the removal are now in
a doubtful state I have to request therefore you will
inform me how they are received, having promised the
Coolies, besides their hire which I have paid, a reward
if they deliver them in good order.

I have &ca.

(Signed) Andrew Berry
Superdt. H. C. Nopaly

Fort St. George
10th January 1797

Revenue Department

To T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir
(Circular) I am directed to inform you that
Government have been pleased to appoint Mr. J. B.
Travers Deputy Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I am &ca.

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Actg. Secretary

Fort St. George
12th January 1797

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir
I am directed to forward for your
information Extract of a letter from Government
under date 7th Instant and you will be pleased to
make a Monthly Report of the state of the Clove
Plants, and of any other which may be hereafter
committed to your charge.

I am &ca.

(Sd.) J. B. Travers
Actg. Secy.

Fort St. George
12th January 1797

Extract of a letter from Government Dated 7 Jany. 97

We have directed the Superintendent of Honorable Company's Nopalry to distribute some Clove plants lately received from Amboyna between the Collectors in the Bara Mahal at Dindigul and the Jaghire and desire they may be instructed to make a monthly report of the State of those plants, and of any others which may be hereafter committed to their charge.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Actg. Secretary

Revenue Department

To Mr. Thomas Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed by the Board to communicate to you for the information of your Assistant the following Extract of a letter addressed to them by Government. Enclosure wanting

Speaking of the employment of Dubashes in the business of Revenue owing to the want of a knowledge of the languages.

The Board are hopeful that this defect in the Company's management is fast on the decline, since the liberal allowance for Moonshees granted by the Court of Directors must have furnished the Assistant Collectors with the means of acquiring the Native languages, and since the junior part of the Servants ought to have been encouraged to the study of the languages by the resolution of the Board, which was announced to them on the 4th of October

October 1794, and to which it is their unequivocal intention to adhere, of not promoting any Assistant in the Revenue Department, without this indispensable qualification.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
12th January 1797 }

(signed) J. B. Travers
Actg. Secretary

Revenue Department

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir
For your information and guidance I transmit Copy of the Board's address to Government on your letter on the 21st Ultimo and reply thereto.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
12th January 1797 }

(signed) J. B. Travers
Actg. Secretary

Extract of a letter to Government Dated 31st Decr. 1796

We have the honor to submit for your Lordship's information and orders Copy of a letter from Mr. Hurdis under date 21st Instant the Acting Collector for the reasons therein mentioned has taken upon himself to offer a reward of Rupees 3500, for the apprehension of the Gour and 3 of his principal adherents, which we trust will meet your Lordship's sanction; adverting to the Cruel and turbulent disposition of the Gour and the probability of a pecuniary sacrifice proving an Ultimate saving to the Company particularly

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of the lives of their Troops — We submit the policy of extending the reward held out to 5000 Rupees for the reasons urged by the Collector — We beg leave to recommend the assumption of the Yerricottah Pollam during the Minority of the Poligar and that the Mambarra Pollam be sequestered as a punishment for the Poligars neglect of orders, in assisting Tomboo Gour after his proscription on the 23rd September last, and as a warning to all others, who may in similar cases act in open defence of Government.

We submit for your Lordships decision the Collectors suggestions of stationing 3 Companies of Regulars at Yerra Cottah or Mambara, Pylney and Pereacolum to protect the District — In it's present unsettled state considering the length of the open boundary towards the Nabob's Country which he states to be about ninety miles — the latter station appears to us highly expedient, and local circumstances seem to point out the other two, as also necessary to obviate as much as possible the objections urged against the measure from it's affecting the discipline of the Troops, they might be relieved Monthly, Quarterly, or Half yearly, as might prove most convenient and which separate from the regard to discipline would be advisable from the consideration of preventing their forming any connexion in the Country, tending to the neglect of their duty

Further with the view to establish a

Check

against the depredations of the Colleries from the Nabob's Country. We have directed Mr. Powney and Mr. Hurdis to communicate and to concert measures for this purpose.

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Extract of a letter from Government dated 7th January 1797

We approve the arrangements which you have made upon the death of Wootapah Naigue, and desire that you will lay before us a Sunnud for the Confirmation of his son in the succession.

We approve the reward of 3500 Rupees which the Acting Collector at Dindigul has offered for the apprehension of Tamboo Gaur and his adherents, but we do not think it expedient that the sum should be increased.

We concur in your recommendation for the assumption of the Yerracottay Pollam, during the minority of the Poligar and for the sequestration of the Maumbara Pollam, as a punishment for the contumacy of the Poligar.

The demand for Troops on foreign Service makes it impossible for us to comply at present with the suggestion of the Collector in regard to stations to be occupied by regulars, but shall be ready to attend to it, as soon as the state of affairs may admit.

(True Extract)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Acting Secretary

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To Mr. Thomas B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

(Circular) Sir,

I am directed by the Board to transmit you the accompanying Extract of a letter from Government, under date the 7th January prohibiting of Vakeels attending at the Presidency on the part of Zemindars and Poligars under the Company's authority, and to desire you will make the Communication therein directed.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
13th January 1797 }

(signed) J. B. Travers
Actg. Secretary

Extract of a letter from Government dated 7th January 1797.

Having reason to believe that there are Vakeels from the Zemindars and Poligars under the Company's authority resident at Madras, and being convinced that such appointments are obtained from these deluded people for purposes of intrigue and extortion; we desire that you will publish a proclamation requiring all persons of that description (except the Vakeels of Vencatagherry, Calastry, and Bomrauze Pollam) to depart forthwith under penalty of incurring our severest displeasure.

Being also assured that this disposition to indirect applications on the part of the Company's tributaries for the accomplishment of their views, is kept alive by interested persons at the Presidency, we would have the Collectors directed to apprize

every

every Zemindar or Poligar individually, that no Channel of representation is open to them, but thro' the regular means of the Collector or of your Board and to caution them against the delusive but impracticable schemes, which are held up to their view by intriguing persons at the Presidency for the purpose of extorting money from them.

/A true Extract/

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Actg. Secretary

Major Haliburton

My dear Major

I wish to be informed of your situation and views regarding the Veerapatchee Poligar. Also if you have any account of Tomboo Goundan & when the Pylney Feast is or was.

As soon as you receive this, I beg you will send the four Companies of the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment to join their Corps at Dindigul and Col. Oliver has orders to send four Companies of that Battalion to Trichinopoly where they are to remain and do duty, as soon as he shall have received his Detachment now with you.

Should it appear, after consulting Mr. Hurdis that the service before you requires the full strength of your Detachment you will then delay the execution of their instruction, informing me of particulars.

It may be proper to inform you that the Battalion under your Command will probably be stationed at Dindigul and the Battalion now there be removed to Trichinopoly.

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I must beg the favor of you to Communicate this letter to Mr Hurdis, to save time and present him my best compliments.

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Trichinopoly }
19th January 1797 }

I have &ca
(Signed) J. Floyd.

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr
Collector of Dindigul

Sir

I beg to be informed as early as convenient what part you may be able to afford me of my Indent of 6500 Pagodas for the ensuing month. I shall not however unless the Extra Expences of the Detachments on service in your Districts fall to be discharged by me, require of you more than 1500, which with what I now hold at Dindigul, will be enough for my Ordinary Disbursements. The 1500 Pagodas I trust you will be able to afford me by the 1st of the month.

I have &ca
(Signed) R. Hughes
Paymaster

Madura }
23d January 1797 }

Revenue Department

To Mr Thomas Bowyer Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

You have already been informed that it was our intention to send three Surveyors to be placed under your immediate orders and directions, for the purpose of making a complete Survey of the Districts under your management, & we now enclose Copy of a letter from Mr Goldingham containing a list of their names and

and of the instruments sent with them.

The enclosed Draft of Instructions No. 1 will fully inform you of the objects we have had in view in forming the present Establishment of Surveyors, which are to be adopted as proceeding from yourself to them.

You will perceive our wish is to obtain not only a complete Geographical Survey of the Country, but every other essential information calculated to convey a complete knowledge of the state of the Villages and thence of the Revenue. Hitherto Collectors in general have had no other guide in filling up their annual Reports in regard to the Divisions and measurement of the lands &ca &ca than the assertions of the Curnums or other Revenue Officers. The proposed Survey and investigation is to check their reports and to furnish Data which may in future be relied upon and, with a view to obtaining from the inhabitants the information they possess on the subject of repairing Old or constructing new Tanks. We transmit No. 2 a Draft of what we propose should be circulated to each Village so that all they can afford may be obtained before the commencement of the second, or minute Revenue Survey, by which the correctness of their statements will be ascertained.

Although we have pointed out what to us appear the best mode of proceeding we must leave it to you to take such measures as may appear to you best calculated to obtain with the greatest accuracy & the information required by the forms annexed to the instructions exclusive of the measurement and discrimination

=mination of the Lands and the Geographical part of the Survey and for the purpose of ascertaining with precision the relative proportions which the local weights and measures bear to the English lb and Pucca seer. We have sent stampt weights and measures.

Mr. Goldingham is appointed "Inspector of Revenue Surveyors" you will perceive the Assistant Surveyors are to report to him through you on points relating to scientific part of the Survey; and when all the materials are collected they are to be brought down to his Office to be arranged Protracted and the astronomical observations computed under his immediate inspection.

We desire you will report what monthly sum you think requisite for subsisting and Clothing the young men. You will Indent on the Stores for a Tent for their accommodation and lay before us a list of Servants required to accompany them with a statement of the expence.

We recommend the enclosed papers to your most attentive consideration and desire you will communicate your sentiments upon any points which may appear to you objectionable as well as suggest such improvements as to you may seem desirable it being very important that the labors of the Surveyors in the outset of an undertaking of such magnitude should be directed in the manner most advantageous to the public."

Fort St. George
30 January 1797

We are &c. &c.
(signed) Thomas Cockburn
(do) William Harington

To Edward Saunders Esqr.

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort St George

Gentlemen

In obedience to your orders the three Assistant Surveyors, Charles Webb, John Ambrose and Robert Gardener have been dispatched on the survey of the Dindigul District The following is a list of the Instruments and other requisites sent with them for that Service

1 Theodolite and Stand

1 Levelling Instrument and Stand

1 Telescope 3½ feet achromatic for Celestial observation

1 Do small for Terestial objects

1 Hadley's Sextant complete for Celestial observations

1 Do Do with plain sights only for terrestial Angles

1 Artificial Horizon with Glass roof

1 Poket Chronometer by Arnold No 397

1 Thermometer

Quicksilver for Art Horizon

1 Brass Chain (66 feet)

2 Ten feet Staves with brass Ferrules

2 Levelling Varres

1 Perambulator (double wheel)

1 Brass Standard ruler (2 feet)

1 Do Protracter

1 Parallel ruler (18 inches)

1 Gunter scale

2 Steel pens

4 Boxes with drawing instruments, Colours Indian Ink &c &c

1 Pair of Scales & English weights of 4 lb 2 lb & 1 lb

1 Stampt Pucca seer.

2 Dozen Black lead pencils
½ Quire Elephant paper
4 Do. of Imperial
3¾ Do. of Royal
11 Do. of Demy
6 Do. of Foolscap
4 Do. of Catridge
3 Do. of Blotting
4 Boundels of Tape
2 Do. of Sealing wax
1 Paper Folder
4 Bottles of Rubber
3 Papers of Ink powder
2 Ink Stands
8 Boundles of Quills
4 Penknives
2 Common Rulers
2 Blank books (large & bound)
3 Do. Do. (Small & half bound)
½ Quire of Silver paper
1 Nautical Almanack for 1797
1 Book of requisite tables
1 Do. Waddingtons Surveying
1 Do. Robertson's Elements (2 Volz.)
2 Pocket Dictionaries
Drawing Cups and Hone
1 Box for Stationary
1 Table 3 Camp tools
3 Camp Cots

2 Horses Saddles &c.

The largest and most valuable of the Instruments were furnished from the Store in the Honorable Company's Observatory, and the accompanying account contains the cost of such as I was under the necessity of purchasing together with the expenses attending on the outfit of the Young men and their journey to Dindigul.

I beg the authority of the Board for filling the three vacancies occasioned by the departure of these Youngmen.

Observatory
29th January 1797

I have &ca.
(Signed) J. Goldingham

The Honorable Company - - - - - - Dr.
To Mathematical Instruments and other requisites for the three Assistants ordered on the Survey of the Dindigul District.

	P.	F.	C.
1 Small Telescope	8	"	"
1 Artificial Horizon glass cover	12	"	"
Quicksilver and Stone Bottles	1	40	"
1 Brass Standard Ruler	15	"	"
1 ditto Protractor	6		"
1 Thermometer	10	"	"
1 Parallel Rulers (18 Inch rolling)	4		
1 Gunter Scale	1		
2 Levelling Varres & 10 feet Staves	4	22	"
2 Steel drawing Pens	2	"	
3 Boxes with Mathematical Instruments, Colours Indian Ink &ca. &ca.	26	"	"

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1	Colour Box	6	„	„
1	Box for Stationary &ca	„	42	„
	Drawing Cups & Stone	1	12	„
1	Nautical Almanack for 1797	2	„	„
1	Requisite Table	3	22	„
1	Waddingtons Surveying	2	22	„
	Robertsons Navigation (2 Vols)	5	„	„
2	Pocket dictionaries	2	10	„
1	Table and 3 Camp tools	10	22	„
2	Horses Saddles &ca	32	22	„
3	Camp Cots &ca	11	16	„
27	Suits of Cloths	37	6	„
3	Cloth Jackets	9	33	60
3	Hats	1	17	„
1½	piece of handkerchiefs	2	32	60
18	pair Shoes	2	30	„
1	Dozen Towels	„	36	„
6	Gingham Pantaloons	1	20	„
2	Trunks	1	29	„
	Packing Ropes	„	18	„
	Lantern	„	24	„
	Candles	„	36	„
	Knives and Forks, Tumbler, Spoons &ca	3	18	„
	Sundries (as Combs Brushes ribband Soap &ca)	9	34	„
12	Coolies	24	„	„
9	Palanqueen boys (going to Dindiguel)	20	22	„
4	Do. Do. returning with Palanqueen	5	25	„
	Hire of Palanqueen 28 days at 6 fan.ᵗˢ	3	39	„
1	Horse keeper	2	12	„

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1 Cook	2 - 12 - "
1 Matey	1 - 33 - 40
Lascar Batta	1 - " - "
Covers for Instruments	3 - 18 - "
Advanced the Young men for expenses on the Road	10 - " - "
Pagodas	315 - 38 - "

/signed/ J Goldingham

Madras 30th January 1797

/A true Copy/

/signed/ J. B. Travers
Actg Secretary

General Instructions for the Conduct of the Assistant Surveyors in the Surveys of the different Districts under the immediate orders of the Collectors.

You will Survey with as much accuracy as possible the Districts to facilitate the execution of this work you will devide it into two parts.

1st A General
2nd A particular } Survey of the District.

To accomplish the first object should the Country afford accessible Hills or other eminences conveniently situated, and commanding an extensive view, you will make these your principal stations; if the Country be not of this nature, you must mark out principal stations, by erecting tall signal Poles of Bamboo, with suitable Flags hoisted on each.

From

From the top of one of these eminences a signal being placed on another you are to take the angles made by the signals and all the objects in view; removing to the place of the signal, you are to take the angles made by the first station (a Flag being now placed on it) and the same objects with any others not before in sight; if a third acceſsible eminence be near, you may repeat the operation from it; among the objects observed, you will include such as may be likely to afford other principal Stations, also remarkable points of distant Hills whether acceſsible or not; and in this manner you will ascertain the relative positions of all the principal points of the Country.

As early as poſsible in the Survey, you will chuse a level and clear tract, whereon to measure a Base Line, so situated that you may have in view the greatest number of the principal Stations, and at the most convenient angles; this line you will measure with a Chain the length of which must be accurately found by a Standard braſs Rod, at the commencement and finish of the measurement of each day; the length of the Base must be proportioned to the distance of the stations and it should be measured with great care, at least twice over, placing a stone at each end whereby it may be found again if neceſsary; it should be levelled, and the measured line reduced to it's equivalent horizontal

-zontal distance: A second Base of verification may be measured towards the conclusion of the Survey if the Country be extensive. The bearing of one end of the Base from the other you will determine by astronomical observations; by observing the distance of the sun when near the horizon from a Signal at one end of the Base, your station being the other end, noting the exact time of Observation and computing the bearing as you have been directed. The positions of all the stations in sight with respect to the Base you will ascertain by the requisite angles taken at each end of it. Having thus established the principal points, you will readily ascertain the positions of all the Villages (the names of which you will accurately ascertain from the Inhabitants) and objects not in view before by short bases connected with points before determined, or by finding the point of station where two or more of the principal stations are in view by the usual Method, taking care to use the needle as little as possible.

You will trace out the principal Roads and remark on all woods and inaccessible jungles; ascertain the course of all the Rivers and watercourses and to assist the person who may be appointed to superintend the repairs &ca. of Tanks, mark the places where Rivers may probably be branched off so as to prove beneficial to the Country by increasing it's cultivation, and carefully note all improvements of this

this description, that may have been made formerly by the people of the Country but suffered to fill up, and thereby rendered useless.

You will determine the latitudes of some of the principal Stations by meriditional observations of stars on each side of the Zenith; observe the Eclipses of the Satellite of Jupiter for comparison with like observations taken at the Madras Observatory, and ascertain the difference of Longitude by a Timekeeper between the Observatory and one of the principal Stations or places in the District, also the difference of Longitude by the same means, between it and other distant stations if the Country be extensive.

You will Protract your work as you go on, and thereby discover if any mistake has occurred in the operations of the day, that it may be rectified on the spot.

You will next enter on the second division of your work; the particular Survey.

You will survey each Talook or Purgunnah in the District, by finding the Contents of all the lands in each Village belonging thereto, observing the distinctions mentioned in the form A subjoined and in laying down your work, you will distinguish each Purgunnah by different Colours, but every Village belonging to it by the same Colour, you will ascertain the number of Houses, and inhabitants in each Village the number of Cattle Sheep, Ploughs and Looms; the measures, weights and Current Coins; the

the tenure by which the Lands are held; the Circar share of the Crops and the share of the Inhabitants when a division takes place with the particulars of the fees; when a money rent is paid for a particular measurement of Lands the measure and rate of assessment to be stated; the estimate produce of a certain measure of Paddy Lands of different sorts and of dry grain Lands; the average price of Paddy and of dry grains in different years you will also take drawings of the different Implements of Husbandry and their dimensions mentioning of what wood made. To enable you to obtain this information and the materials necessary to fill up all the other points in the forms exclusive of the measurement of the Lands, and Geographical Part of the Survey and to aid your enquiries connected therewith, the Collector will appoint one or more intelligent persons to attend you, or he will himself furnish you with the particulars required.

You will survey all Tanks, Garies, Tongles, and Wells, used in cultivation note the means whereby they are filled, whether such means may be improved; the state of the Bank; the state of the Sluices, for conveying the water to the Fields, and of what materials built, if not of brick and Chunam always make an Estimate of the Expense of building new ones, with those materials (see form B) you will note whether there are any Calingulahs or outlets for conveying off the Surplus water to prevent the necessity of cutting

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the Banks in a heavy monsoon, how they are built, and with what materials, you will take Drawings of all such works, and in calculating the expence of Repairs to large Tanks where no Calingulahs have hitherto been built, you will make an Estimate of that Expence, taking the opinion of the inhabitants as to the best situation for placing it, this they in general chuse where the pressure of the water is least, to prevent injury to the Bank, tho' in some instances they are obliged to construct them where it is greatest, and in that case they must be built very strong, you will Estimate the expence of all the Repairs necessary, and the benefit to be derived in consequence, and this is to be done by ascertaining the quantity of Land at present watered by such Tank, and how many Crops it yields, and further ascertaining how much more ground could be brought into cultivation, by repairing it, or what additional Crops obtained, from that already cultivated: you will in such enquiries pay attention to the best informed inhabitants who it is probable will be able to give you much general information on the subject; but as great judgement, and care with a knowledge of the level of the Country is are requisite to take water out of it's natural course nothing of this sort should be attempted, without a particular examination of the Country, and a well grounded confidence of success; besides an exact calculation both of expence, and advantage; this

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will be done on the large Scale by the Superintendent of Tanks who will receive the greatest assistance from your enquiries, the result of which you will place in the form B. subjoined; should however any Tank be in immediate want of Repair, you will if ordered by the Collector make a particular Survey of it, and ascertain as exactly as possible the expence requisite for its repair; to assist in the execution of these works a Copy of a Paper on this subject by Mr. Goldingham is annexed. See. D. accompanying.

You must also ascertain if any of the old Channels from Rivers suffered to fill up can be cleared with advantage to the Country here a slight Examination of the level of the adjacent parts will be sufficient always making an Estimate of the probable expence & advantage.

When the detailed information required by the forms is obtained, you will from the particular Survey of Each Village fill up an abstract in the form of the accompanying C, to shew at one view the most important points of your labors.

In all cases of difficulty that may occur in regard to the scientific part of the Survey, you are to consult, through the medium of the Collector with the Inspector Mr. Goldingham and when all the materials of the Survey have been collected you will bring them down to his office, where they will be arranged protracted, and the astronomical Observations computed under his immediate inspection.

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Purgunnah	Measurement of Paddy Land Cawn	Coor	Measurement of Dry Grain &c. lands Caun	Coor	Village
			4	50	occupied by Tanks & water courses
			12	—	By Tonget {N.B. To note if any part of this be cultivated when the water retires.
			6	25	River
			2	25	Bad ground unfit for cultivation the cause stated
			3	20	By woods
			4	50	By Hills and Rocks
			6	42	Common for grazing
			11	"	by the Town
			2	33	by Topes
			3	75	By the Parachary and Burning & Coily ground.
	15	37½	5	"	Village Maunium ⁄⁄.
	1	75	—		Sunnud Maunium X
	68	87½	2	25	Circar arable Land cultivated.
	5	33		"	~~Circar~~ arable Land uncultivated.
	91	33	63	45	you must ascertain why
			91	33	how long it has been in that state and whether any of the Common is capable of Cultivation.
Total measurement of Lands			154	78	

Remarks

Enquired of the Inhabitants why they had no Callingula to their Tank, they observed it was not usual; Enquired if it often broke in heavy monsoons or if they cut the bank whether much water was not lost. they answered it sometimes burst and they sometimes cut the bank; either way caused a great loss of water; did they think that a Calingula would save all loss With any other Circumstance worthy of remark such as whether the water be good; the nature of the soil. State of the Roads any good Choultries on the Roads near or in the Village.

⁄⁄ Particulars of the Village Maunium

Paddy Caunies		Dry Grain Caunies		
7	"	"	75	Poligar
3	"	—	75	Carnicuply
—	75	—	50	Talliar
	75	—		Choultry Land
	50			Carpenter
3	—	3		Pariars
	37½			Poligar Pagoda
	"	5		
15	37½	15	37½	
		20	37½	

X Particulars of the Sunnud Maunium the Property of strangers

Paddy		Dry Grain		
	50			Malabar School Master, date of Sunnud
1	"		—	Moutrauze Poligar no Sunnud produced
	25	—	—	Do Peons Do

Number of Paddy Cultivators } *

Number of Ploughs belonging to them }

Number of Bullocks for Ploughing }

Number of Cows & Cattle belonging to the Village exclusive of the above }

Number of Sheep

Number of Looms

Number of Weavers

Number of Houses in the Village

Inhabited by Cultivators

Chittys

Do.

Total Houses 50

Inhabitants

Estimated to Contain on an average men women and Children to each House }

Parachary Contains — Houses estimated to Contain do. per house }

Total Inhabitants

* N.B. The Paddy Lands are changed almost yearly amongst the Cultivators; each cultivating an extent according to his means; or the Lands are divided in fixed portions amongst the cultivators, each Cultivating his own particular lot or hiring others to do it for him in short stating on what tenure they are held. The dry grain Lands say how they are held.

The measures in use in this Village are as follows

1 — equal to — Pucca Seers

2 — — —

The Weights in use are

1 — equal to — lb. English

The Land measure in use are

— equal to — feet English

— make a — equal to square feet or —

Coins Current in the Village

— Copper Cash make 1 Gold fanam

— Gold fanam equal to 1 Star Pagoda

Shares of the Crops are as follows

— Paddy Lands

Particulars of the fees paid before treading

— 100 Gross Produce

1 Fees paid before treading the grain A

— 99

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1	Fees paid after measuring the Grain B
98	Measured produce suppose divided into
100	

B
Particulars of the fees paid before measuring.

10	Fees paid, half, by the Circar & half by the Cultivator before division C
45	Circar share
45	Inhabitants share
100	
2	Fees paid by the Circar, out of its share of the division D

N. B If there are various shares in the same Village they must be stated

Particulars of the fees paid, half by the Circar, & half by the Inhabitants before division.

D
of the fees payable out of the Circar share only.

Dry Grain Lands

(as above)

Where a division of the Crops takes place the shares to be recorded as above.
Where a money rent is paid, for a particular measurement of particular lands, the measure and rate of Assessment to be stated.

1 — equal to — feet assessed — or at the rate of — Pagodas per Cawney of 57600 Sq feet.

Estimate Produce of Land.

1 — of Paddy Land of the 1st sort estimated to yield Gross — — — — — equal to { Puccaseers per Cawney } —
— — — — — — 2d sort — — — — — —
— — — — — — 3d sort — — — — — —
or upon an average the quantity of Land of each quality being nearly the same.
1 — of Dry Grain Land — — — — — —

Average Price of Paddy in this Village
In good years said to be — per — or Pa. — per Madras Garce of 4800 Pa. seers
3/4 Crop Years — — — — — or do
1/2 Crop Years — — — — — or do
of Dry Grain
Different kinds must be stated — Do. Do.

Implements of Husbandry
The different kinds and number of each to be stated.

In

B

In ______ Village or Purgunnah

Number of Yaries, Tongles, Tanks and Wells	Names of Do.	No. of Caunies occupied by each	Calculated to hold at present Month's water	Now water Caunies	Rodies Crops	Estimate sum required for a complete Repair thereof	If repaired will give a Crop from Caunies now cultivated		Will enable Caunies now in uncultivated to be brought into cultivation & give from them Crops		Present Number of Sluices	New Sluices required included in the Estimate	Present Number of Calingulahs	Number of Calingulahs wanted included in the Estimate	Number of Water Courses leading to the Tanks		New Tanks can be constructed	To Contain Caunies	Water Courses to lead to them.	Estimate Expence including Sluices Calingulahs &c	Quantity of ground may be watered by them	Circar share of the produce Estimated.
							Caunies	Estimate Circar share of Crop	Caunies	Estimate Circar share of Paddy					present	wanting						
Yaries																						
No. 1																						
2																						
Tongles																						
1																						
2																						
Wells																						
1																						
2																						
3																						

(In a separate Book)

Purgunnah

Particulars of Estimate of Repairs necessary for the Yaries Tongles, Tanks and Wells, from which the foregoing abstract is drawn

Village of Yary. No. 1.

East Bank to be repaired 4 feet deep, 6 broad & 41 long at — cubic feet per Pagoda amounts to Pagodas —
North do 4 by 6 and 10.
South End a Brick and Chunam Sluice
No Calingulas, Expence of building one in Brick and Chunam and Stone — feet deep — broad — long

Pagodas —

Remark. No additional ground can be brought into Cultivation, but 40 Cawnies of the Paddy Lands would thereby yield an additional Crop — Cullums or Pucca seers — Circar share seca — at — per Pagoda is — Pagodas per Annum

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The Price of Labour and of Materials must be noted on the back of the Abstract B

Chunam — Parrah for 1 Star Pagoda
Bricks 1000 — — Fanams
Bank of Tanks 1 Cubic Yard — — —
Digging — 1 Do — — — —
Jaggery — 1 Do — — — — —
Bricklayers per day — from — to — according to their ability
Tank Diggers — Do
Women — — Do
Coolies — — Do
&ca

Should the Price be the same in different parts of the District one example will of course be sufficient.

District of

1			2		3	4	5	6	7		8		9					10		11			
Name of											Total measurement of cultivated Lands		Total Lands uncultivated and unproductive to Government							Circar Lands			
																				Cultivated		Uncultivated	
Purgunnah	Village	Rented in Ameeni	Shotterum	Free Gift	Number of Houses	Computed No of Inhabitants	Meerassee Inhabitants who lead cultivation included in the foregoing	Number of Ploughs	Number of Looms	Number of Weavers	Paddy	Cumboo or Dry Grain	Common	Occupied by wood Rocks &c	By Houses Gardens & back yards	By Tank Wells & Garies	Number of Tanks	Number of Wells	Number of Garies	Nunjah	Punjah	Nunjah	Punjah

		12				13				
Name of		Village Maximum				Summud Maximum				Remarks
		Cultivated		Uncultivated		Cultivated		Uncultivated		
Purgunnah	Village	Nunjah	Punjah	Nunjah	Punjah	Nunjah	Punjah	Nunjah	Punjah	Here enter particulars about Weight measures and Coins to be taken from A and any other points particularly worthy of notice

/ A true Copy /

/ Signed / J. B. Travers
Actg. Secretary.

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Instructions to be sent by the Collector to the Chief Inhabitants, and others residing in the several Villages of the District.

You are hereby required to obtain and state in the accompanying from (**BcNo.2**) in the most accurate manner, all the information in your power concurring the points therein stated, relative to Yaries, Tongles, Tanks, and Wells, in your Village which do in any shape contribute to the cultivation of Paddy Fields, or any other Grounds; that a just valuation of the expence attending such repairs as may be necessary to put them into a lasting and durable condition may be formed. — For your further Instruction herein, and that you may the more perfectly execute the above orders, the following particulars are pointed out, which having very carefully and attentively considered, you are to report upon each of them to the best of your knowledge.

1 You are to furnish a list of the Yaries, Tongles, Tanks and Wells in your Village, their Names quantity of ground they occupy, number of months water they can now hold, and quantity of ground they now water, the number of Madagoo or Sluices for letting off water to the Paddy Fields, and how built; also to mention those Yaries which have Calingulas for letting off surplus water, without

cutting the Bank or breaking in a heavy Monsoon. 46

2 You are exactly to estimate the expence of such Repairs as are necessary to put every Yary Tongel, Tank & Well made use of to water the Paddy Fields & other Grounds in order for their cultivation in your Village, into the best Condition, shewing the expence of Brick work separate from mud work.

3 You are to write down the quantity of land which is now left uncultivated entirely, because of the want of water, and which if the Repairs estimated be made you can cultivate from each Tank, are also to mention the nature of the Soil at that Ground, whether for Paddy or Comboo &ca. how many Crops it will in consequence of the said Repair yield in the year, and what additional quantity of Grain the Village will produce to the Circar after the Repairs are completed.

4 As there are some Villages in which notwithstanding the ill state of the Tanks no Grounds are left uncultivated, tho' it is done to less advantage than it might be, in all these the additional number of Crops that will be produced after making the Repairs of the Yary &ca. to be noted down as well as the Increase of the quantity of Grain to the Circar in consequence.

5 If any new Yaries Tonghes or Tanks

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can with advantage be made, you will point out the place, estimate the expence of the Mud work, the Brick and Chunam for Sluices, and the Calingaloo work separately, shew how much new Ground can be brought into Culti=vation, and how much you estimate the Circar share of the Grain.

6th You will state the number of additional Ploughs you will require if the complete Repair of Old Yaries, Tongles, Tanks and Wells be made, and how many more if new Tanks are made, and how much Tuccavy advance from the Circar you would require in either case.

7th These accounts particular of which the form **B** will contain the Abstract, are to be delivered to such persons as I may order, being previously signed by those Inhabitants of your Village, who are best able to judge of these things, and as it is equally to benefit the Inhabitants, and Circar, you will be very careful in this business, and give every infor=mation on the subject.

B. No. 2

In — Village of Purgunnah

Number of Yaries Tongles Tanks & Wells	Names of Ditto	No. of Cawnies occupied by each	Calculated to hold at present Months Water	How water Cawnies	Produce Crops	Estimate sum required for a Complete Repair of Sluice &c.	If repaired will give a Crop from Cawnies now Cultivated.		Will enable Cawnies now uncultivated to be brought into Cultivation & give from them Crops		Present Number of Sluices	New Sluices required included in the Estimate.	Present No. of Calingulahs	Number of Calingulahs wanted included in the Estimate.	Number of Water-Courses leading to the Tanks		New Tanks can be constructed	To Contain Cawnies	Water Courses to lead to them.	Estimate Expence including Sluice Calingulahs &c.	Quantity of Ground may be cultivated by them	Estimate Circar share of the Produce	If a Complete Repair of takes place		For New Tanks.	
							Cawnies	Estimate Circar Share of Crop	Cawnies	Estimate Circar Share Paddy Ground					Present	wanting							No. of Ploughs wanting	Tuccavy	No. of Ploughs wanting	Tuccavy
Yaries																										
No. 1																										
2																										
Tongles																										
1																										
2																										
Wells																										
1																										
2																										
3																										

Purgunnah — Particulars of Estimate of repairs necessary
Villages of — for the yaries, Tongles, Tanks, & Wells from whence
the abstract **B** is to be drawn.

Yary No. 1 — East Bank to be repaired 4 feet deep, 6 broad and
40 long at — Cubic feet per Pagoda
Amount to Pagodas —
North Ditto. 4 by 6 × 10 — — — —
South end a Brick & Chunam Sluice —
No Calinguloo. Expence of building one
in Brick & Chunam & Stone — feet deep —
broad — long —————— ——
Pagodas ————

Remark. No additional Ground can be brought into
Cultivation, but — Cawnies of the Paddy Lands
would thereby yield an additional Crop, or Cullums —
Circar Share — at — Pagodas — is — Pagodas per annum

New Yary East side of Village

Bank — long — broad top } high equal Cubic yards at — per Yard
& bottom — }
is Pagodas — — — — — — — — —
Expence of Brick and Chunam Sluice — — —
Calinguloo — long — broad — deep — — — —
Channels or Watercourses — long — broad }
deep — equal — Cubic Yards ———— } — —
Pagoda ————

The Price of Labour and materials at this Village
Chunam —— Parrah for 1 Star Pagoda —
Bricks — 1000 —— for fanams.
Bank of Tank 1 Cubic Yard at different heights —
Digging — 1 Do. — at different depths —
Jaggery ————————————— —
Brick layers per day ————————— —

Tank Diggers (men) per day ——— ———
Women D° ——— D° ——— ———
Coolies D° ——— D° ——— . ———
Ploughs wanting if a complete Repair
of the Tanks takes place ——— ———
Tuccavy in this case ——— ———
Ploughs wanting for new Yaries &ca ——— ———
Tuccavy ——— ———

(A true Copy)

(signed) J. B. Travers
Ag Secretary –

To Mr T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Account General having called on me for my Monthly Estimates for January, I was necessitated to inform him that yours had not been received and I request you will on the receipt of this despatch it.

I am &ca

Fort St George }
31st January 1797 }

(signed) J Mitford
A. B. R

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr
Collector of Dindigul

Sir

I have to request the advance only of 1500 Ps for the present on account of my Disbursements of February and shall make further Application, if more should be required.

I have &ca

Madura }
31st January 1797 }

(signed) Robert Hughes
Paymaster

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

In consequence of your having omitted to furnish Mr. Mitford by the 15th January with the probable amount to be received from your Division for the Month of February I was under the necessity of closing the General Estimate of this Office without it and of explaining the cause of the omission.

As the Accountant General is particularly desirous that the like delay may not occur in future, I request you will transmit the next Estimate for your Division in due time to prevent the inconvenience so much complained of.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
6th February 1797 }

(Signed) George Read
Dy. A. B. R.

Dear Sir

I was duly favored with your letter of the Instant and have the pleasure to enclose you Valaida Naiques receipt for 28 Star Pagodas being his subsistence for the present Month. I remain &ca.

11th February 1797 }
Trichinopoly }

(Signed) I Gibbons
Fort Adjutant

Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.

Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

Requiring seven thousand Pagodas for my Disbursements of the ensuing Month, permit me to request information of what part you can provide me

of that Amount.

I have &ca.

Madura }
19th February 1797 }

(Signed) R. Hughes
Paymaster

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I beg leave to remind you that your Accounts for December have been some time due, and that they are much wanted in my Office.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
23d February 1797 }

(Signed) J. Mitford
Acct. B. R.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Circular

Sir

In consequence of the loss sustained in Cochineal from the impurities mixed with it, I am directed by the Board to inform you, they deem it necessary previous to purchasing that it be dried Two days at your Cutcharee four hours each day & cleaned as the Natives do their Rice, with the Moram or Chatta

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
27th February 1797 }

(Signed) S. R. Lushington
Secretary

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector Dindigul District.

Sir

By the hands of the Bearer Cundapah Writer to my Company, I have the pleasure to send you two hundred and fifty two, & half Cully fanams being the sum received upon Eight hundred and forty nine 1/2 Dindigul measures of Rice, served to the Detachment under my Command in the Month of January last.

I likewise enclose the Abstract of Batta for the men that are detached from this Garrison on the Revenue service at Nellacottah amounting to seven hundred and twenty seven Madras fanams thirty cash on your paying the same to the Writer who delivers this I have directed him to proceed direct to Nellacotta to pay it to the men and return again here-

I have &ca.

(Signed) A Robertson

Captn. Comg. Yerracottah

Yerracottah }
1st March /97 }

T B Hurdis Esqr.

Collector in the District of Dindigul

Sir

In consequence of the requisition contained in your letter of this date, the relief of the Detachment at Pylney shall be delayed until an answer can be had from Major General Floyd, to whom I shall by this days Tappal transmit your letter.

I have &ca.

(Signed) A Brown

Dindigul }
2d. March 1797 }

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T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Collector of Dindigul

Sir

If convenient allow me to request the further advance of 2000 Pagodas to my Department for the Current Month.

I have &ca.

(signed) R. Hughes

Paymaster

Madura
2d March 1797

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Collector Dindigul District

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 27th Ultimo also your letter of the 2d Current—
The two Circar houses have been delivered over by the Tahsildar to my charge

On receipt of your last letter which reached me yesterday about 4 O'Clock, I made every enquiry from the Cutcharee people—but the Tahsildar having been absent for some—days, I could learn nothing satisfactory respecting the Poligar Poojaury Naigue's motions, but thinking I—should most likely get more information from the—Tahsildar of Devadanaputty I rode over to that—Village in the evening—but the people there had not then the smallest apprehension of an attack and could give me no further intelligence than that he (the Poligar) was with a party among the Hills—and had been in the very same situation for some

time

time perfectly quiet — I therefore after cautioning the Naique of the guard which is stationed in the Fort to be particularly watchful and alert and desiring the Tahsildar to give me the earliest intimation of the Poligar's movements, returned to Pereacolum.

Soon after my departure from thence about dark a party of his people attacked the Village, and has killed two of the Inhabitants this account I received about ten O'clock at night, when instantly sent from hence a Havildar's Guard as a reinforcement to the Naique's party the particulars I have not yet been able to learn — two Sepoys are just come in who mention that all was quiet at nine O'Clock last night and that the Poligar's people had made off to the Hills — I expect the Havildar will return in the course of the forenoon with half his guard, the other half I have ordered to remain which will increase the Naique's party to fourteen men, which will I hope be sufficient to afford the necessary protection to the Inhabitants.

I am of opinion the principle object of the Poligar had in view was to seize two or three of the Inhabitants who were formerly his followers.

I shall use every possible endeavour and exertion in my power to get hold of the Poligar, and shall give you the earliest intimation of my success.

I have &ca.

Pereacolum }
4th March 1797 }

(signed) N. Mc. Smyth
Lieut. 1st Bn. 3d Regt. Comg.

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a letter just now

received from Major General Floyd, and to request that you may forward notice to the Veerapatchee Poli=gar of the approaching movement of the two Companies which will march hence on the morning of the 7th to relieve the detachment now stationed at Pylney as that will keep communication with the Poligar in the Channel prescribed by the regulations of Government, and render any communication from me to him unnecessary.

Dindigul }
5th March 1797 }

I have &ca
(signed) A Brown

Trichinopoly 4th March 1797

Lieutenant Colonel Brown

Sir

I have the honor of your letter of the 2d enclosing a letter from Mr Hurdis with your answer.

I must beg of you to order the relief to take place as already stated, it will be advisable to send on a proper person to give the old Poligar of Veerapatchee notice of the passage of the relief one day before and it cannot be doubted but his understand=ing will distinguish between an ordinary relief of Troops and an hostile expedition.

If Mr Hurdis will be so good as to send one of his people also to apprize Veerapatchee I should expect it would rather tend to give him confidence than alarm.

I have &ca

(signed) J Floyd M-G

(True Copy)

(signed) A Brown
Lieut Colonel

To B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of the Dindigul District

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you of my arrival here this morning to relieve the Company of the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment which marched this afternoon for Madura. I found at Devadanapetty 1 Havildar 1 Naigue and 12 Sepoys from Lieutenant Smyth's Company which I relieved on passing that place, by an equal detail from my Company, and as Lieutt. Smyth tells me he has informed you of his reason for reinforcing the party originally there, I shall continue that Guard, as it now stands, unless directed otherwise. The Sirkar house will not answer the purpose intended, particularly the one for Officer I do not look on the one for Sepoys by any means a comfortable one but they have got rediculous idea that it is haunted by the Devil and beg to be allowed to remain in Tents. I have wrote to Lieutt. Colonel Brown on the subject, as I do not like to oblige them to go into it, after the foolish prejudice they have taken to it without his orders.

I have &ca.

Pereacolum
5th March 1797

(Signed) Andw. Macpherson
Lieutt. 1st Bn. 2d Regt. N.I.

P.S. This will be despatched tomorrow morning A.M.

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of Dindigul District

Sir

The Havildar I sent off last night is just returned the people killed by the Poligars party at Deodanapetty were both formerly his followers. One of them was called Veerapilly and was I under

understand the Poligar's former Predaun.

The party did not attempt to plunder, or molest any other of the inhabitants.

Pereacolum 5th March 1797 | I have &ca (Signed) N. M. Smyth Lieutt. Comg at Pereacolum

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis Esqre
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Accompanying I send you Copy of a letter this day received, from the Accountant General and in consequence request to be furnished with your reasons for not having sent your Estimate for March.

Fort St. George 6th March 1797 | I am &ca (Signed) J. Mitford Acctt. B. R.

Mr. John Mitford
Revenue Accountant

Sir

I request you will inform me the reasons why the Collectors in the Barahmal, at Dindigul 4th Division of the Masulipatam District 2d Division of the Vizagapatam District, and of the Company's Jaghire, have not yet sent their Estimates of probable receipts for this Month, as mentioned in the Estimate received from you.

Fort St. George Acctt. General's O. 6th March 1797 | I am &ca (Signed) R. Wolfe Acctt. General

J. B. Hurdis Esqre
Collector Dindigul

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter

letter of the 4th Inclosing putties of goods and Chattles &ca stolen by the Ramgherry and Nuttum Poligars, and in conformity to your request have transmitted herewith two Takeeds for the said Poligars directing them im=mediately to make restitution of the articles, accord=ing to the list therewith sent.

I have &ca
(signed) G Powney
Collector

Ramnad
9th March 1797

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

(Circular) I am directed to inform you that the Right Honorable the President in Council has been pleased to appoint Mr. Webbe Principal Secretary to the Government.

I am &ca
(signed) S Lushington
Secretary B. R.

Fort St. George
9th March 1797

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Your accounts for January being due — I have to request in case of your not being able to forward them on receipt of this — that you will assign your reasons, that they may be submitted to the Accountant General who has called upon me for the Quarterly Quick — and Dead Stock.

I am &ca
(signed) J Mitford
Acct. B. R.

Fort St. George
9th March 1797

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to communicate to you The Board's most positive injunctions, that you despatch on the last day of every Month to the Accountants Office an Estimate of your probable Receipts and Disbursements in that succeeding and the Actual balance of Cash in your own Treasury.

For your information, I transmit Extract of a letter from Government on this subject, and am further directed to apprize you that Mr Mitford has been ordered to point out to those Collectors who may fail in the regular transmission of this document.

I am &ca

Fort St George }
14th March 1797 }

(Signed) S Lushington
Secretary

Extract of a letter from Government dated 4th March 1797

We desire that you will lay before us at as early a period as possible in each Month, an estimate of the probable Receipts and Disbursements together with the Actual balance of Cash in hand at each Collectorship, this document has heretofore been transmitted to us immediately by the different Collectors, but we desire that it may in future be sent to you, as we expect to receive this information more regularly and more completely than we have hitherto done.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) S Lushington
Secretary

To T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

It having been reported to me that Cawnee Naique the deprived Poligar of Saupatoor, has taken up his abode amongst the Dindigul Poligars, and having received instructions from the Board of Revenue to use every possible means for

for the apprehension of his person — I beg leave to request you will adopt such measures as may seem to you proper for securing him, in the event of his being within your reach.

Ramnad }
15th March 1797 }

I have &ca
(Signed) W C Jackson

To Mr T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir

(Circular) The Board having intimated to me their intention of calling upon you to furnish my Office with an estimate of probable Receipts and Disbursements and the Actual balance of Cash in hand on the last day of every Month — I have obtained the Accountant General's permission for your discontinuing to forward the Accounts called for by me in a letter dated 20th December last.

Fort St George }
16th March 1797 }

I am &ca
(Signed) John Mitford
Acctt B. R.

Revenue Department

To Mr T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul
Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 18th Ultimo, & 24th Instant, and to transmit for your information and guidance Copy of the Board's letter to Government and of the Right Honorable President's reply under date the 11th Instant respecting the establishment of servants required for the Survey and the present made by you to Nuttum Caun. — The Board approve the sum of 11 Pagodas Monthly for the subsistence, and clothing each of the Surveyors and the fixed establishment of eight — Lascars, and four peons for their services.

The outlines of the plan you have in contemplation, for regulating the Collection of the Cawelly fees, appears to the Board judicious, but they will postpone any particular remarks thereon, until it be brought before them in a complete state.

The establishments of Servants for Nellacotta and Sundyoor, the Board approve, and have every reliance on your attention and economy in the appointment of Tahsildars and upon your judgement in stationing them where there services may be required.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
17th March 1797

(signed) S Lushington
Secretary

Revenue Department

To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord

We have the honor to submit Extracts of two letters from Mr. Hurdis and for the reasons he has stated we recommend that the Establishment of Servants he has represented to be necessary for the conduct of the Survey, amounting to 100 Star Pagodas do receive your Lordships sanction, we have every reliance on Mr. Hurdis attention to economy and that he will not retain any of these people longer than may be necessary

The present made by Mr. Hurdis to Nuttum Cawn of 200 Rupees we beg leave to recommend for the reasons stated by him, added to the good conduct observed by this man when employed by Mr. Hurdis, to sequester the Pollams of Deodanaputty and Nellacotta and to conciliate the minds of the inhabitants, it appears he has been very active in repressing the depredations of the Culleries, the reward therefore given to him we consider well bestowed, and cannot fail of inciting others to the practice of the same fidelity

We

We have &c.a
Fort St. George
6th March 1797 } (signed) E. Saunders
& Members

Extract of a letter from Government dated 11th March 1797

In compliance with your recommendation we consent that the Acting Collector at Dindigul may be allowed an establishment of one hundred Pagodas per Month for the Survey of that District and for the reasons you have assigned we approve the present of 200 Rupees proposed to be given to Nauttum Cawn.

(A true Extract)
(signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir

In conformity to the desire expressed in your letter of the 18th Instant I herewith enclose Takeeds for the Ramgherry and Yellamooday Poligars, Copies of which are sent for your information.

I have &c.a
Ramnad
21st March 1797 } (signed) W. C. Jackson

Mr. T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Collector of the District of Dindigul
Sir

I have to beg the favor of being informed whether you can provide me with the whole of 8000 Pagodas for my disbursements of the ensuing Month.

Rupees and Old Portonova Pagodas not being in general circulation at Madura, and the Paymaster having been formerly forbidden by Government to receive from the Collector, or Issue to the

Troops

Troops any Coins which were not Current in the respec-tive Garrisons, as well as enjoined to pay all money as impartially as possible, I am therefore promoted to make a particular request, that if you should not have fanams sufficient to admit of their being sent to Madura with convenience that you will oblige by endeavouring to make a half the supply of 8000 in new Portonova Pagodas to be particularly applied to the disbursements of this Garrison.

I have &c.a

Madura
21st March 1797

(signed) R. Hughes
Paymaster

Trichinopoly March 26th 1797

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Dear Sir

I enclose for your information three letters I have received, One from Adam Cawn Lohenee and two from Meer Ibram my Translators are so far from adepts that they first told me all the three letters were exactly the same no difference — After my answer was written, and put into persian, then told me it was Meer Ibram only who lamented my omission of titles or Compliments however, I let it go as it was, and leave it their ingenuity to take each what belongs to himself and for your further information I enclose a copy of my English letter.

I understand from Captain Ogilbey at Namcul, that Tomboo made an excursion south of the River and plundered a Village in Caroor District in the night of the 17th Instant and returned again to the Tolium Country, I think we shall lay hold of him at last.

Two men were stopped by the Nabobs people in the Vetticottah Country near Tarioor Country, supposing they belonged to Tomboo Gounden — soon after two Hirkarrahs of Lieutenant Colonel Reads came

up

up and affirmed they were in pursuit of them and that they actually did belong to Tomboo.

One of them is named Coule Goundan, says he is of Caunoor near Nameul.

The other is named, Bodinaigue, says he is of Trichinopoly.

They have with them a Chesnut mare with Hyders mark, and a White horse.

The Nabobs brother has delivered them to me and I shall detain them till I hear from you, as it is probable you may know something of them, and if you wish it I will send them to Dindigul.

Be so good as to return me the three enclosed letters.

Trichinopoly
26 March 1797

I remain
(signed) J. Floyd

Trichinopoly March 1797

Adam Cawn Lohenee

My good friend

I am very happy to hear from you again, and am glad of an opportunity of explaining the want of Title you complain of in my last letter which appeared so much in undress. now it was my intention it should have appeared entirely different to you, a man so respectable, it was meant to be quite full dressed.

I must beg of you to understand that I have the misfortune not to be acquainted with your language, and am obliged to trust to others for a translation of my letter.

Our manner of writing is different from yours and states as short and as Civilly as possible the business itself.

I must request of you my friend, to be assured that among us, my letter to you, would be deemed

a very obliging address, and if I am deficient after your manner of writing it is my misfortune and not my intention.

That rebellious man Tomboo Goundan, has crossed the Cavery, and has joined some disorderly people of Torriore my Command is bounded on that side of the River, and the care of pursuing Tomboo Gour belongs to others.

A party of our people from Namcul — attacked him, and took some baggage and two hundred and ten Firelocks and killed some of his peons, but he escaped, and moves about continually and it is not easy to fall in with him.

With regard to Chinnana Goundan Mr. Hurdis has orders from the Government, I am not acquainted with them for with us business is carried on by different sets of people — Mr. Hurdis is Employed in that part of public business which belongs to politics I am the Commander of the Troops south of the Cavery and do not meddle with Mr. Hurdis.

I hope this explanation will be satisfactory to you, and that you will consider it as a mark of my desire to be honored with your friendship and to assure you of mine.

May your days be long and happy
(Signed) J Floyd

Trichinopoly April 1st 1797

J. B. Hurdis Esqre

Dear Sir

I am not much interested about the veracity of my correspondent of the other side the boundary, nor the titles they give, or omit, I rather conceive they use the pretext of writing to me now & then by way of acquiring information by their Messengers And I do not think much clever fellows than they

they appear to be, could pick up any thing worth detailing —
I keep them in Civil confinement, and give them something to buy rice.

The question of Tomboo Goundan is at length decided.

I have this day a letter from Captain Irton dated near Namcul 31st March in which he says, in respect to the above Personage (Tomboo Gour) I have the pleasure to inform you that his person was seized upon called Comaravelly Gour, and delivered over to a party sent from Caroor to the bank of the Cavery on the 23d at night so that I suppose Tomboo has been fricaseed before this time.

I dont believe there was much artifice in delivering the two people to me here they are, & shall be forwarded to you — I have sent to the Nabob for the Mare and Horse and if they are forthcoming, I will send them also judging it a very proper measure to restore plunder and the six others also if I can get them.

Every care shall be taken to seize Custoory Iyen if he be here, shall I send him to you

I remain &ca

(signed) J. Floyd

To Mr T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir

The time for making out your general Statement, Estimate of probable receipts and disbursements and comparison between the Estimate and actual of 96/97 approaching near, I beg leave to desire your attention to them as they are required by the Accountant General for a Despatch expected early after the close of the Official year.

So soon as the General Statement is Completed, I recommend you to compare the Balances outstanding by it on the 30 April 1797, with those

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— in the demand Collection and balance for the same period — It is indispensably necessary these should correspond, before they can be included in the general Account to be furnished from this Office.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
2nd April 1797

(Signed) Geo Read
Actg Acct. R B

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir —

I have received your letter dated 1st April and shall lose no time in writing to such of the Poligars mentioned therein as are under my authority, expressly enjoining them to forbear from all acts of aggressing and threatning them with the severest displeasure, of the Company if it be found upon them that their people commit any disturbances in the districts under your management.

I have reason to believe that it is not an uncommon practice with the banditti infesting your neighbourhood to assume the name and authority of the Poligars paying Tribute to the Company — Unless positive proof could therefore be adduced, that these Poligars were instrumental in the robberies of which you complain, to proceed to actual punishment, or comple to restitution might not always be consonant to justice. — If the Charges against any of them can be substantiated (and I should suppose it would not be a task of difficulty) you may depend on my best exertions to put a stop to the evil — the seizure of one more of the persons actually detected in the robbery, would lead to a discovery, and we could then in concert adopt measures which would in all probability have the effect of detering others, but without any evidence of the guilt of the party accused, it is wholly impossible

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I should do more than warn the Poligars of the consequences that must fall upon them on determination of their being parties or privy to such transactions.

The concerns of this District require at present my constant attention and I could not propose to meet you at Madura in the space of seven days, or indeed in any other given time, without putting more to risk, than would be strictly warrantable — the moment I can find leisure I shall feel a pleasure in having a personal Conference with you on the subjects noticed in your letter

I have &ca.

Ramnad 3rd April 1797 } (Signed) W C Jackson

Trichinopoly April 4th 1797

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.

Dear Sir

In reply to your favor of the 2nd I have no farther document to give regarding Tomboo Goundan, then the Extract from Captain Irton's letter already sent you, and which seems positive — I heard the same story by a Bazar report a few hours before I received Captain Iron's letter.

You have probably heard from Lieutenant Colonel Brown, the same story which he had received from Major Oram

It seems an extraordinary transaction & if Tomboo Gour is really a prisoner of Tippoo, I presume he must have come so, through the treachery of some of his own party.

I propose sending to you tomorrow morning the two Marauders I have in confinement here and their two horses which I have seen. One is a Chesnut mare of some value the other a bay horse

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lean in condition and seems to be weak in the loins

I am not at all ambitious of keeping up a correspondence with Tippo Sardars, and as their letters to me contain nothing of moment, I rather suspect they writes for the sake of such very paltry intelligence as the messengers are capable of picking up.

I remain, &c.

(Signed) J. Floyd

Sir

I am directed by Major General Floyd to send you Cavle Goundun and Boadinaigue, as also a Bay horse and a Chesnut Mare.

I presume that the General has written to you on the subject of these persons & remain

Yours &c.

(Signed) J. Gibbons
Fort Adjt.

4th April 1797
Trichinopoly

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I herewith enclose Takeeds to the different Poligars complained of in your letter of the 1st instant with Copies for your information.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Collector

4th April 1797

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

As it is necessary that the amount of your Collections from the Madura Peishcush, should

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be brought into the books of Southern assigned Revenue, I have to request you will take an earliest opportunity of remitting the amount of them to Mr. Jackson, and apprize him at the same time of particular Turaties of which they are in discharge. I am anxious that this arrangement may take place in time to admit of their being included in Mr. Jackson's account before the close of the Official Year 30th April 97.

In taking credit for this remittance I recommend you to place it under the head of Madura Peishcush for the sake of preserving a distinction between it and the collections for the districts appertaining to Dindigul.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
4th April 1797

(signed) George Read
Asty A R B

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Dear Sir

This day I have sent off two Prisoners, Cauley Gounden and Boade Naigue and a Chesnut Mare and Bay horse, with directions that they and the horses be delivered to you.

I have begged of Lieutenant Colonel Brown to send an adequate Guard to receive them at Keeranoor, whither they will be conveyed by a Havildar, Naigue and twenty Sepoys.

Inclosed is a paper sent me by Hussain Ulmulk Bahauder, which I consider to be written purely in the desire of appropriating the plunder, but of this you will be better able to judge from your own enquiries.

We have a Bazar report this morning which I entirely disbelieve, that as a Guard of our Sepoys was conveying Tomboo Gounden in Irons in a Dooley, there came four hundred peons fell upon them, killed some and received the Gour

In the first place no account I have seen mentions that our Sepoys were employed at all

Trichinopoly }
5th April 1797 }

I remain &ca.

(Signed) J. Floyd

Translation of Marahttah letter from Ram Row Tahsildar to Namcul District

One of the Inhabitants purchased two horses to dispose of whom did not find proper price to sell and carried to Aylore District then the Aylore Amildar imagine it be belonging to Tomboo Gounden and send them horse with inhabitant and horsekeeper to Trichinopoly so the said Goonoor inhabitant came and told me, then I took proper enquiry of the matter I find the horse is not belonging to Tomboo Gounden, but the horse is belonging to the inhabitant of Goonoor therefore please to send them horse and horse keeper by the said inhabitants soon as possible.

To Mr. T B Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

(Circular) Sir

I am directed by the Board to express their expectation that you will exert yourself to realize the full amount of Collections counted upon in your

your Estimate 96-97 and to inform you they shall expect solid and satisfactory reasons for any deficiency of receipt or excess of charge that may arise under every particular head in the Annual Comparative Statement to the 30th Instant for the information of the Right Honorable Court of Directors.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
5th April 1797

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secry. R. Dept.

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.

Dear Sir

I was this morning favored with your letter of the 4th Instant accordingly sent a Naique and Six Sepoys to the Tahsildar to escort the Treasure to Dindigul, but he has sent them back again say that the money will not be ready till tomorrow, when the Guard shall be sent him.

I have &ca.

Pylney
6th April 1797

(Signed) J. English

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Circular

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honorable President in Council has been pleased to appoint Mr. George Read to be Accountant to the Board in the room of Mr. John Mitford, whom he has permitted

to proceed to England.

I am &c.

Fort St. George
7th April 1797

(Signed) S Lushington
Secretary

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th Ultimo.

The Board approve the time and mode you have proposed of assuming the alienations made from the Circar lands since the conquest of Dindigul in 1790, They approve the reasoning you have used in respect of the propriety of a suitable allowance to the Village Sibbendy, and in apportioning it, they rely upon your Judgement to avoid equally the parsimony of Seid Saib and the mismanagement of subsequent Renters.—

The practice of requiting the Services of Sirkar Servants by granting of lands, the Board disapprove, their duties are better performed when they receive a fixed salary from the Collectors Treasury, the real charges of the Revenues become accurately known, and those inconveniences you have enumerated are entirely prevented they approve therefore the resumption of the Oolagie Maniums, but desire you will first state upon what principles you mean to regulate the pay of the Village

Servants whether by taking an average of their authorized Maximums and privileges or in what other manner, and whether you consider it good policy to commute that part of their income arising from a Russoom in kind on the Crops.

Before resolving on a permanent arrange of the Deerstanum Lands, the Board wait your further report. It appears to them, that it may be the most politic measure to allot to every Pagoda an extent of land sufficient for it's maintenance and no more leaving the cultivation of it to the Parties and in regard to the distribution of the Proceeds, the proportion to the various classes of Servants to be in the first instance regulated under your inspection, and they to be apprized that in case of any deviation therefrom, the Party aggrieved may apply to you for redress. The allotted quantity of land having been marked out and registered, your vigilance would prevent any encroachment beyond such prescribed limits, and by refraining from any interference in the internal arrangement beyond the restriction above suggested, the intervention of Sirkar servants would be unnecessary at the same time that you should reserve to yourself the power of Control in the event of irregularity. On this point however the Board desire your sentiments.

You will hereafter receive the Board's

respecting the settlement with the Poligars.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
8th April 1797

(Signed) S Lushington
Secretary

Trichinopoly April 8th 1797

J. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Dear Sir

Excuse haste – Read and return the inclosed Lera Gounden, the brother you see, has escaped.

Irton writes to me that Comaravelly your professes lands on both sides the Cavery – tis said Tippoos Sirkar gave him 1000 Rupees for seizing Tomboo, about a year ago, it seems he seized a notorious murderer, and received a reward from our Government you may recognize the man by this.

I remain &ca.

(Signed) J. Floyd

Dear Hurdis

I am happy to find by your note of the 7th that Tomba Gounden is at length caught – some days ago I wrote to the Poligar of Cundyore (in whose Pollam I learnt Tomba was) to seize him – Whether this Poligar has been instrumental in his capture, I know not but it would give me pleasure to learn that it was so.

I give you my honor that the larger part of your public letters to me may be as well written in Hebrew, and I should understand just as much – Pray let

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the names of places and of Poligars at least be legible. You have proposed to meet me some where but where God knows for I can make nothing of it nor can I make out the name of Tomba's intimate, whom you wish me to direct the Ramgherry Poligar to seize.

I am going on, as I think, vastly well. But time will shew. The Poligars are not disposed to disobey my orders.

Ramnad
9th April 1797

Yours &ca.
(signed) W C Jackson

To Mr. T B Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir
(Circular) That the Monthly Estimates may be brought into a General Form, I have to request you will in future adopt the following for the purpose.

Estimate of probable receipts and disbursements for the Month of Dindigul with the Balance of Cash in the Treasury on the 30th of

1797		S P	1797		S P
April 30th	To Balance of Cash in hand this day	1000	May	By expected disbursements in the course of this Month	500
May	To expected receipts in the course of the Month	5000		Probable advance to Paymasters & others &ca.	2000
				Probable amount unappropriated on the 31st May	3500
		6000			6000

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
11th April 1797

(signed) Geo Read
A M R Board

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To T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am favored with your letters of the 7th & 9th Instant and now transmit agreeably to your request Takeeds to the Poligars of Ramgherry and Veeramally with copies for your information. I also enclose letters for Meer Ibrahim Soodoor and Adam Cawn Tohenee which you will be pleased to forward a copy accompanies this.

I would hope that the strong manner in which I have expressed myself to those Poligars will have a proper effect, and induce the restoration of the property if it be actually with them, as well as the surrender of Sera Gounden.

I have &ca.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Ramnad
13th April 1797

Trichinopoly April 18th 1797

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Dear Sir

I have been blameably tardy in acknowledging yours of the 7th & 9th Instant and one other letter which I cannot find, and suspect the interference of little folks.

Meer Ibrahim Cawn's men who brought my letter were impatient for an answer said they had nothing to eat so I told them they might go and make my best compliments and I hope my correspondent will drop me.

The Soodoor makes out an unconscionable

list of demands — I think the friendship of this Gentlemen is more troublesome than their enmity.

Adam Cawns conduct when he lay so long in active, opposite the Gour, is certainly open to suspicion and he will not escape a severe account.

I might have informed you some days ago, that Custoory Iyen is gone to Tooriore, to seek employment under his brother in law Vencata Shastia who is Amildar there under the Nabob, If you are desirous I will take measures for securing him, and sending him to you — the letter in which you mentioned him is not before me and I am not in the perfect recollection of that subject.

Major Cuppage with his Battalion and Guns and a Troop of horse are endeavouring to quell a rebellion of the Warriapollam, Arialoor and Tariore Poligars, his operations have hitherto been confined to Arialoor and Warriapollam jungles where the Poligars very artfully elude him and fight it, in their way, round a Circle — he levelled one of their Forts — from which they ran most manfully, and a redoubt, with traverses, in which they waited till his people had mounted the work — firing on both sides — but no body Cuppages hurt and he does not know that they suffered.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. F.

To T B Hurdis Esqre.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I enclose Copy of a letter received this day from the Nuttum Poligar in answer to my Takeed to him of the 3d. Instant you will observe that he is readily disposed to be accountable for the property plundered from the Village of Vembarputty &ca. if proof can be brought that the robbery was committed by any of the people belonging to his Pollam — I do not think that more could be expected from him.

Ramnad }
20 April 1797 }

I have &ca.
(signed) W C Jackson

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

Requiring 1800 Pagodas for my disbursements of the ensuing Month, I have to request the favor of information whether you can provide me with that amount.

I have &ca.

Madura }
21st April 1797 }

(signed) Rt. Hughes
Paymaster

T. B Hurdis Esqre.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am honored with your letter of the 20 Instt. and have to request you will be pleased to remit me, the amount Peishcush received from the Poligar of Amanaig Pollam for Fusly 1205 amounting to nine hundred

hundred and twenty four Star Pagodas, twenty seven fanams (924 - 27) to Mahomed Aumer my Akbar Noveez at Madura.

Ramnad
26th April 1797

I have &ca.
(signed) W C Jackson

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I herewith inclose for your information Copies and translations of two Olahs from the Ramgherry and Veeramallee Poligars.

Ramnad
2d. May 1797

I have &ca.
(signed) W C Jackson

Translate of an Olah from Commea Naick the Poligar of Veeramallee dated

Honored Sir

I have been honored with your Sunnud dated 13th and understand the contents. I have to assure you sir, that I am totally unacquainted with Tamboo Gounden. I have had no manner of concerns with him hitherto neither did he send into my Pollam twenty horses. I understood that he was a notorious robber, and that he had incurred the displeasure of Government consequently I received orders to secure him and his adherents if they should enter my Pollam for refuge, some time after, having received intelligence that Chinnana Gounden brother to Tamboo Gounden was come into the interior parts of the jungle belonging to my Pollam and that he had 18 horses with him &ca. I sent trustworthy men as spies to go to the spot and bring me intelle-

=gence they returned with information that he = was with his brother Tomboo Gounden at Covillore whether Tippoo had sent a Detachment in pursuit of them, but they had escaped from them, that Tomboo Gounden was gone towards the northward and that his brother had proceeded towards this part of the Country to = shelter himself either in the Cullernaud or in some of the Pollam — I therefore sent my people to encourage him with fair promises of protection &ca. to come into my Pollam, he was finally prevailed upon to comply and soon as he was in my Pollam — I had him & his followers, horses &ca. secured. I then communicated this news to Captain Oliphant who sent a Guard & he was escorted a prisoner to Dindigul — with respect to the 18 horses Captain Oliphant desired that they might remain with me until further orders observ=ing it was probable that Government may make = me a present of them for having secured the brother of Tomboo Gounden agreeably to their desire.

Having paid my respects to his Lordship at Mana=par accompanied by General Floyd and Mr. Powney his Lordship expressed his approbation of my = conduct in securing the brother of Tomboo Gounden and promised to make me a present of a Palanqueen, which I have accordingly received. I depend on you and hope to merit the Company's favor more & more — As you have now ordered me to restore the horses and to send him to Mr. Hurdis the Collector of Dindigul, what can I say, I shall conform myself accordingly — Seera Gounden has never yet been = known to have come so near as my Pollam as reported, should he at any time enter into it, I shall not fail

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to act agreeably to your orders in securing and sending him to Mr Hurdis.

I submit this letter to your Consideration and shall obey the orders you may be pleased to send me.

(True Copy)
(signed) J. Balfour
Asst. Collector

Translate of an Olah from Sawmy Naik the Poligar of Ramgherry.

Honored Sir

I have been highly honored with the receipt of your Sunnud dated 13th and I understand the contents,

In consequence of which I have to represent that the Villages named Puddocottah and Callumputty have ever belonged to my Pollam and not to Tippoo Sultaun's Sirkar as is unjustly stated. I have not assumed, neither do I possess a particle of the Mysore ground, on the Contrary I do assure you that Tippoo Sultaun has deprived me of three of my Villages (Torriore, Vellinay & Hoopodimungalum) and other grounds attached to them, all which he has annexed to the Caroor District, while the case is thus, If Tippoo complains against me what am I to do. In consequence of this very dispute, Mr Balmain and the Commander and Paymaster of Trichinopoly did all three of them repair to these Villages in question, both which they had surveyed all around, and after enquiring into the particulars and propriety of my possessing

these

these Villages, they returned and I have ever since possessed them without any further trouble.

With respect to Tombee or Seera Gounden I have not hitherto given any Shelter to either of them, and they are not in my Pollam neither do I possess the mare and Colt much more any other Articles of plunder which (as it is reported) Seera Gounden had made and traced to my Pollam. He never gave or sent to me any such Articles, nor have I received any.

(True Copy)

(Signed) J. Balfour
Asst. Collector

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to enclose my reply to Meer Ibrahim Soodoor's last letter, a Copy is enclosed for your information.

I have already transmitted to you a Copy of my letter to Meer Ibrahim. I refer you to it to ascertain how far his communication to you of the purport of it, corresponds with the fact.

Ramnad
8th May 1797

I have &ca.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson

To Meer Ibrahim Soodoor

I have received your letter and understand the contents.

My order to the Poligar of Ramgherry were that in case the Villages claimed by you actually belonged to the Meysore Sirkar, they were immediately

to

to be restored — In your first letter me, these Villages are named Coolumputty and Puddicottah and — substitute Nuttumputty besides which you now speak of lands belonging to the Vunjemaul Goodaloor District also taken possession of by this Poligar — but which you did not before notice — In a matter of such importance, the subject cannot be too explicitly — stated. I even now at a loss to understand of the three Villages abovementioned which are the two — you claim — The Ramgherry Poligar positively asserts — that Coolomputty and Puddicottah have been from time immemorial considered part of his Pollam, & he also states that these Villages have been taken from him and are now annexed to your Sirkar. If as — you say Coolomputty was assumed and annexed to his Pollam in the year 1793 it is impossible that proof of the fact should not exist. But notwithstanding the sincere desire I have upon all occasions to compel the Poligars under my authority to act — with strict justice, it is incumbent on me at the same time to see that justice be done to them. If you will take the trouble of transmitting to me documents or witnesses in support of your claim to the Villages in question I will lose no time in setting on foot an enquiry, and reporting the Proceedings to the Government of Madras. I have no — authority to go further.

Ramnad }
7th May 1797 }

(A true Copy)

(signed) J. Balfour
Assist. Collector

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter from Government, directing under the circumstances stated by you that no charge be made in the present assessment of Peishcush.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
9th May 1797 }

(Signed) S. R. Lushington
Secretary

To Edward Saunders Esqre.

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

We have received your letter of the 28th Ultimo.

The ideas of the Acting Collector at Dindigul upon the insufficiency of our information regarding the Pollams of that Province are so conformable to our own opinion conveyed to you on the 24th December last, that we can have no hesitation in directing no charge to be made in the present assessment of Peishcush.

We are &ca.

Fort St. George }
6th May 1797 }

(Signed) { Hobart
Geo Harris
Edwd. Saunders
E. Wm. Fallofield

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th Instant and to inform you that the Board authorize the seizure of Gopaul Kistnah on account of the balance due by him, provided he be in the Company's Territories to impose on him a fine equal to 12 P.C. P annum for his unwarrantable delay

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
11th May 1797 }

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I herewith inclose you an Extract from the proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 6th May 1797.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
12th May 1797 }

(Signed) G. Read
A. B. R.

Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 6th May 1797

Dindigul Mr. Hurdis Account Current for October	Read
Tent allowance	No authority quoted till then not admitted.
Extra Servants	Ditto Ditto Ditto
Charges Extraordinary	The Collector will report for authority every disbursement made exceeding 5 Pag. coming under the head of Charges Extraordinary and refer in the Account wherein

it is charged to the date of Sanction, or if not received to the date of report disbursements under 5 Pagodas when indispensibly the cause of them to be explained in the entry.

Repairs of Tanks 34. 38. 33 — No authority quoted till then not admitted.

No Moyenzabitah received to be forwarded in receipt of this audit.

November — Read

Tent allowance — Vide remark in last Month.

Servants Wages — No authority quoted till then not admitted.

December — Read The same remarks as in the preceding Months here necessary for Tent Allowance Servant's Wages and other Extra Charges for which no authority is quoted.

January — Read. The same remarks again necessary in regard to the Charges Extraordinary wherein charge is made for presents not admitted till authority is quoted.

No Moyenzabitah for this Month to be sent conformably to orders on receipt of this orders.

February — Read No authority quoted for Tent allowance as remarked in the former Months.

Demand Collection & Balance Pa. 379. 32. 34 — Balance on the renters for presents Advance for Cultivation & Charges Collection divided during Mor. J. W the name of the individuals from whom due to be reported and the prospect of recovery also

386. 26. 61 — Pulliapah Naig the Collector to state the reasons for considering this balance desperate.

1204 Balance due from Poligars 5949 The Collector to state in future in the D. C. B the names of the Poligars from whom this Balances are respectively due

1205 D^o. 1162 D^o. D^o. D^o.

T. B Hurdis Esqr.
Collector

Sir

I send you under Charge of a Havildar and six Seapoys the prisoners confined here whom you direct should be sent to Dindigul, as also the Cash forwarded by Govind Row

I am &c^a.
(signed) A Robertson
Captn. Comg.

Yerracottai
14^t. May 1797

Revenue Department

To Mr. T B Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Board direct me to remind you of your having omitted to transmit your diary from October last and your Quarterly Report of Prisoners

All Quarterly Reports to be made 31st. July 31st October 31st January and 30^t. April.

I am &c^a.
(signed) J. B. Travers
Dep. Secretary

Fort St. George
20^t. May 1797

Dear Hurdis

You wrote me short time ago that Ammya Naique one of the Madura Poligars had paid his Peishcush to you for Fusly 1205 and I requested in consequence that you would deliver the amount to Mohomed Omeer my Akbar Navees at Madura - since that time I have heard nothing on the subject

If it be usual to dispose of the money in this way send me at least if you please a regular receipt, that I may strike it out of the outstanding balances of this Collectorship

If Meer Mahim be not satisfied with my last letter, it will be better to refer the subject to Government — He was so little acquainted with it, that he did not know even the names of the Villages that he claimed for his master.

How are you getting on? The Dindigul Poligars are not as I hear quite in tune. Is sequestration still the order of the day.

Ramnad
20th May 1797

Yours &ca.
(signed) W C Jackson

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

Requiring 7200 Pagodas for my disbursements of the ensuing Month, I request to be informed as early as convenient, what part of that time, you will be able to afford me on the first of the Month

I have &ca.
(signed) R. Hughes
Paymaster

Madura
23d May 1797

Dear Sir

Enclosed I have the favor to transmit you Velaida Naigue's receipt for thirty one Pags. his subsistence for the Month of May & I remain

Yours &ca.

1st June 1797

(signed) S Gibbons

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I transmit for your information and guidance

guidance Extract of my letter to the Accountant dated 25th Ultimo on the subject of the reference to the Board in matters of account.

I am &ca.

Fort St George }
2d June 1797 }

(Signed) J Lushington
Secretary

Extract of a letter to Mr G Read dated 25th May 1797

As the frequent instances of Collectors blending matters of account with the general business of the department is attended with inconvenience to the conduct of this Office, the Board have resolved to receive no representation on the subject of Accounts that is not made through you to give efficiency to your authority the Board have resolved to fine every Collector of whom you may report any second instance of neglect of express and positive order and regulation but upon such occasions it will be necessary that you inform the Collector of the charge you intend to prefer against him and require his vindication when you will submit the whole for the Board's consideration.

(True Extract)
(Signed) J. B Travers
Depy Secretary

To Mr T B Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir

I request the favor of you to forward your April Accounts with all convenient despatch to this Office.

I am &ca.

Fort St George
2d June 1797

(Signed) G Read
A B R

Dear Jackson

You will see by my public letter what I wish

You may think me presumptive in interfering with your Servants but Mahomed Omur Akbar Navies at Madura is as great a knave as ever lived and it is impossible you should be able to make any bundobust among the Poligars to prevent their plundering whilst he acts both direct and indirectly as a money dealer with them

It is very easy for me to bring proof of this but it is invidious I mean only to tell you what is, that you may be alarmed against the enemy within for whatever goes wrong in the districts has its origine always in some intrigue of the Servants of the Cutcheree

I wish I could meet you at Madura tis really very necessary indeed

Todicomboo
10th June 1797

Yours &ca
(Signed) I. B Hurdis

Dear Hurdis

I thank you very much for your private letter Mahomed Omur shall instantly be removed, if he do not acquit himself in the fullest manner of the very serious charge which has been brought against him I have written to him to this effect, without telling him from whence my information is derived

I have given an unanswerable reason why I cannot meet you But Mr. Harris my head Assistant, will be at Madura on the 21st Instant for the express purpose of holding a Consultation with you. He will afterwards go through the Pollams if it should be necessary and I trust this measure will put an end to all Complaints in future

Ramnad
13th June 1797

Yours &ca
(Signed) Jackson

J B Hurdis Esqr
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I have received your letter of the 10th Instant

It has given me great concern to find that notwithstanding the positive orders that have been issued some of the Poligars under the authority of this Collectorship, should still be guilty of the acts to which your letter refers I have again written in the strongest terms to Wootapah Naig Tottapah Naig, and Erra Chinnama Naig threatning them with the severest displeasure of the Company if they do not desist from such practices. The Pollam of Ariore, of which you make mention is not under my authority.

The Country occupied by the Colleries is at present in a state of insurrection, and the Nabob's authority is held by these people in the utmost contempt, they are as I learn in arms to resist his highness's power and it is owing to this circumstance that the Nabob's brother has lately proceeded to Madura. If they can be reduced to obedience the mischief complained of will necessarily diminish but until then it will I fear be impracticable to restrain the Colleries from the habit of plunder to which have been at all times accustomed nor would the mode you propose of shutting up the passes in the Pollam of Wootapah Naig Tottapah Naig, operate as an effectual barrier against their incursions into the Dindigul Province, since they can have access to it by a more circuitous route, in spite of the most watchful vigilance on the part of those Poligars.

I have ordered the Poligars in question

to keep launiems in the different passes or Convoys lead-ing from their pollams into your Districts and I would recommend that you send people to see that these launiems be placed agreeably to my orders.

As it is impossible for me to leave Ram-nad just at the moment when I am making a settlement for the next year I have desired Mr. Harris my head Assistant to proceed to Madura, and con-sult with you how best to affect the object which you had in view in proposing a meeting with me at that place.

Mr. Harris will be at Madura on the 21st Instant on which day I hope you will find it convenient to meet him.

I enclose Takeeds to the Poligars with copies for your information, and have the honor to be

Sir &c.

Ramnad
14th June 1797

signed/ W C Jackson

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am this day favored with your April Accounts and lose no time in acquainting you that the Renters Poligars and District Accounts current to the 30th April 1796 are indispensibly necessary and should have accompanied the packet abovementioned, on account of adjustments to be in the books of this Office

If you are short of Stationary I am ready to receive them made out on good country paper

I am &c.

Fort St. George
17th June 1797

/signed/ G Read
A. B. R

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to inform you that a quantity of Stationary according to the enclosed invoice has been this day dispatched, for your information.

I am &ca.

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

Fort St. George
17th June 1797

Invoice of the Stationary sent to Mr. T. B. Hurdis Acting Collector at Dindigul District

Quills	1600	No.
Medium	15	Quires
Demmy	5	Do.
Foolscap	75	Do.
Kings arms	26	Do.
Post	19	Do.
Quarter Post	20	Do.
Cartridge paper	5	Do.
Blotting paper	5	Do.
Chit paper	3	Do.
Pen knives	5	No.
Pounce	4	lb
Ink powder	17	Papers
Sealing wax	5	lb
Wafers	5	Box
Tapes	11	piece
Pencills	14	No.
Ink stands	1	Do.
Ink bottles	7	Do.
Erasing knives	2	Do.
Scissars	2	Do.
Strops	2	Do.
Ivory folders	4	Do.
Round ruler	1	Do.
Flat ruler	1	Do.
Sand Box	2	No.
Lantern	1	Do.
Rubbers	3	Do.

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

Dear Jackson

I do assure you your presence is very necessary indeed at Madura as the Nabob is there we might visit him on the business and obtain from him what is right respecting the regulations of the Country.

Your objection is very far from being unanswerable You ought to give Cowle now not to settle August or September is the time for settlement It can make no difference to you indeed I speak from experience

If you were to go thro' the Pollams as you propose Harris should do you would see the great benefit that would arise all would not take up six days

My tents &c. are at Nellacottah about 20 miles from Madura on the Routs. I have accommodation for you. You could go with me thro' my Pollams and return through your own.

You must know no attention will be paid to an assistant when the Collector is on the spot. Your coming will effectually do the business Harris will not

I do assure you I think the peace of the Provinces depends on our representation personally to the Nabob and how much sooever you may think the settlement of Ramnad should be attended to I am sure this present business is of great consequence to the Country.

At all events you should indeed come to Madura.

Powney taxed Mahomed Omur with what I wrote you he told me of it. if I can find his letter

letter I'll send it you

I am sure I can furnish you with memoranda that will be useful to you in the business of settling

Your coming to Madura would cause an absence of two nights and one day — leave Ramnad at 6 in the evening and with four sets of boys you may be in Madura at 8 in the next Morn —

If Harris come with you you can afterwards send him thro' the Pollams but at all event you should come to Madura

Battalagoonta
17th June 1797

Yours &ca.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Respected Sir

I duly received the favor of date the 15th Instant the subject of which were that your honor had heard I carry a dealing business with the Madura Poligars in the way of renting, which Sir (placing those misinformations to my only misfortunes) I beg to observe your goodness has concerned and occasioned to me so great a confusion and sorrow that I cannot express.

At the time of Mr. London's arrival to Tondy being appointed for the collection, I was through the means and recommendation of Colonel Martinez deputed by Mr. Landon to the charge of the Madura Poligar business, in which I still remain, and from that time to this, I beg leave to say that there was nothing of the kind had occurred

me, I have not even as much laid out one fanam, nor ever taken any bonds or sent any of my people in purpose to collect my private money and which I confide in your honor to cause a further strict enquiry be made to be more satisfied of my conduct, I am no person of that mind to interfere into any such affairs, and sir in submission beg leave to urge what is my ability to do things contrary to your order, who is my entire protections and support. If I do those things to what purpose, sir, will be to the business I am deputed with and how can I obtain your honor's favor, which I wish much to dwell under! I have not, neither can I forget the positive orders of Mr. Powney concerning of such matters which I have not hitherto acted contrary. But one thing I have to inform your honor further that after Mr. London's departure, Mr. Powney was appointed to the station who on his going to Tinnevelly from Tindy made his way towards Madura, where he examined into the accounts of the Madura Poligars, and found the Joegie Cavenden and Ammia Naig had not paid their dues, on which Mr. Powney asked me the reason of their money being balanced then I acquainted Mr. Powney the reason, to which he told me, that he will deliver the Ammia Naigue's business over to the Collector of Dindigul, and that I will have done with him, but that as I have not collected the Joegie Gaundah's money in time, and that Mr. Landon's accounts requiring to be sent to Madras, that I should credit for the amount in my account for him (the

(the Joegie Cavendah) and I might receive the same from him hereafter, accordingly the amount was paid by me and credited in the Account, which money was remitted to me by Joegie Cavendah after an year hence, which Mr. Powney and all the Poligars know this had been past two years ago, excluding this, I have never lent any money nor did I carry any dealing business with the Madura Poligars.

Madura }
17th June 1797 }

I have &ca.
(signed) Mahomed Omur

Dear Hurdis

I enclose you Copy of a letter from Mahomed Omur He does not write as if he were guilty of what has been charged against him — I should be glad therefore that you would give me the proof of which you say you are in possession — for it will neither be to my credit nor to the advantage of the Company to secure this man if he be "the greatest knave that ever lived"

For my own part, I can have no scruple in applying to you officially for it and will do it, with your permission What say you?—

Ramnad }
19th June 1797 }

Yours &ca.
(signed) W. C. Jackson

To J. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 17th Instant, and to repeat that the publick

service will not admit of any absence from Ramnad at the present moment Mr Harris, my Head Assistant who left this place for Madura on the 19th Instant will arrange with you every matter requiring adjustment for he will be found to possess abundant ability for that or any other duty on which he could be employed by me

In your letter of the 10th Instant you stated, that "in each of the passes leading from the Wootapah Naig and Tottapah Naig Pollams into the Sirkar Villages of the Dindigul Province, it was absolutely necessary to the peace of that province to keep a proper guard, and you requested in consequence that I would write the strongest takeeds to Wootapah Naig and Tottapah Naig to this effect having without loss of time complied in full with your request, you observe in your letter now before me that "the order I had given to the Poligars "to keep tauniems (or guard) would have the contrary "effect that Colleries were always employed by them "in such business and that instead therefore of breaking "their regulation, my order would strengthen them" As well as I can understand the meaning of this, and I have read the sentence repeatedly, it is, that my literal compliance with your request contained in your first letter has had the positive effect of increasing the mischief instead of doing it away. I know not indeed what could have been expected further from me. It was impossible that I should conjecture that to do what you had desired in your letter of the 10th June Viz. to transmit to you takeeds couched in the terms you had expressly recommended would bear the

the interpretation conveyed in your letter of the 17th
June and the more especially as I had said to the
Poligars that, "if one collery passed through their
"Pollams after their receipt of my takeeds, they
"would be held responsible for it, and punished in the
most exemplary manner.

With respect to my own duty, and
the importance of it, as connected with the new
settlement of the Ramnad Country, I must be
permitted to judge for myself unless my superiors
are pleased to judge for me

I send you an order to Yellamady
to seiz Gollappahnaig with a copy for your information

Rammad
21st June 1797

I have &ca
(signed) W C Jackson

Revenue Department

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir

Requiring 8500 Str. Pags. for my disburse-
-ments of the ensuing month, I have to request informa-
-tion as early as convenient, what part of that amount
you will be able to afford me by the first of the Month.

I have &ca
Madura
25th June 1797

(signed) R Hughes
Paymaster

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir

Extract of your letter of the 11th June with
its

inclosures respecting the necessity of employing a larger Sibbendy to protect the Districts from the depredations of the Colleries having been submitted to Government, I am directed to transmit for your information and guidance copy of the Board's letter to Government on this subject with copy of their reply.

As the Poligar of Pulleapah naignor has not paid any part of the current peishcush nor the balance of 1205 Fusly, the Board authorize the sequestration of his Pollam and you will report in what state it may be found and whether the Poligar has any propositions to make for the payment of his balances.

The Board trust that the Poligars of Muronoot and Cunnivaudy will avert the consequences which must follow a failure in their payments, but if it should prove otherwise, notwithstanding every necessary admonition & warning from you to bring them to a due sense of their duty they desire you will report the Amount of the kists in arrear and transmit copies of your sunnuds to and the answer of the Poligar for their information and with respect to the latter you stated under date the 4th Ultimo that he was entirely under the influence and direction of his predaunce thus situated and the Poligar being quite a youth your attention should be directed in the first instance to the person, who has usurped this authority over the District, endeavouring to impress upon the young man the necessity of taking an active part in his own affairs by pointing out the

danger

danger to which he now exposes himself, and apprizing the Predaunce that if he persists in a conduct so subversive of his masters Interests, that he will be removed from his employ

I am &c.

Fort St. George
27th June 1797

(Signed) S Lushington
Secretary

Revenue Department

To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord

We loose no time in laying before your Lordship Extract of a letter with it's enclosures from Mr. Hardis representing the very serious mischief that have been experienced and are still to be apprehended from the Colleries in the Nabobs Countries bordering upon the Dindigul Province the Acting Collector has shewn that his applications to his highnesses Amildars to retain their incursions and obtain justice to those who have been injured by them have been totally disregarded being thus obliged to make every preparation for repelling their depredations so much dreaded by the inhabitants, he has represented the insufficiency of his Sibbendy for this purpose and has requested authority to entertain four hundred peons Sixteen Duffadars two Jemmedars and one Commandant for this purpose, whose pay will amount monthly to 1350 Rupees as we have the fullest reliance that Mr. Hurdis will not allow any part of this expence to be a burden on the Revenue a day longer than may be absolutely necessary — we recommend he be allowed to raise, and station this force as may to him appear most expedient as the apprehension and punishment of these plunderers who frequently add murder to robbery must be equally desirable to his highnesses Government we trust he may be

induced

induced to acquiesce in Mr. Hurdis earnest desire that he may be allowed to follow these people whether-soever they go in case of pursuit except into the territories of Tippoo Sultauns.

We have &ca.

Fort St. George }
15th June 1797 }

(Signed) E. Saunders
&ca. Members

Revenue Department

To Edward Saunders Esqr.
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

We have received your letter of the 15th Instant and are extremely concerned at the necessity which has compelled the Acting Collector of Dindigul to apply for so large a Sibbendy, but as we are satisfied from his explanations that the occasion requires such an Establishment and as we rely that Mr. Hurdis will not continue this expence longer than may be absolutely necessary for the good of the service we consent that he may be authorized to entertain four hundred peons, sixteen Duffadars two Jemmedars and one Commandant at the monthly pay of 1350 Rs.

We are &ca.

(Signed) Hobart
Do. G. Harris
Do. E. Saunders
Do. E.W. Fallofield

(True Copy)
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

Fort St. George }
24th June 1797 }

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I herewith enclose you an Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 24th June 1797

I am &ca.
(Signed) G. Read
A. B. R.

Fort St. George
28th June 1797

Extract

Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 24th June 1797

Dindigul Mr. Hurdis Account Current for March—

Read

Charges Extraordinary Servant Wages Rs. 141.31.68

Not until the authority be quoted

Tent allowance 69

ditto ditto

Mr. Hurdis will forward Copy of Mr. Secy. Jackson's letter of the 17th January 96

The Board refer the Collector to their Audit of 6th May 1797 respecting disbursements coming under the head of Charges Extraordinary

Repairs of Tanks & Watercourses Pas. 54 37 23 — } Not allowed till the authority is quoted

Batta & Extra allowance Rs. 43. 26.10 — Mr. Hurdis to attend to the orders contained in the Accountant's letter of the 26th February 1796

The Board in their Audit of 24th December 1796 desired the Collector in future to quote the authority for his Moyenzabitah, which they observe he has omitted to do in this month they also in their audit of 6th May 1797 desired the Collector to forward on receipt of it — his Moyenzabitahs for October and — January whith which order he has not yet complied nor has he yet answered these two Audits.

Ordered that the Collector do in future answer Audits within fifteen days after their receipt

Charges Extraordinary

The Board observe these — Accounts were not received till the 17th June and tho' their Audit of 6th May must

have arrived some time before their despatch the Collector has not however attended to the remarks therein respecting Charges Extraordinary.

Repairs of Tanks
Rs. 73-43-46 --- Vide late Months remarks

Demand Collection & Balance } The Collector has omitted to state as desired in last audit his reason for considering Pulliapah naigues balance desperate.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) T. S. Ware

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Board desire you will submit to them a list of all minor or other disqualified Zemindars or Poligars in the Districts under your charge in the form enclosed including such information of their property guardians, managers and situation as may convey a full and distinct explanation.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
30th June 1797 }

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Report of disqualified Zemindars in the Districts under the Collector in the 1st Division of the Masulipatam District

1 Zemindary or Purgunnah &c.	2 Names of disqualified Zemindars & ages	3 Nature of disqualification	4 Names of Managers	5 Names of Guardians	6 Amount to pay to Government	7 Annual allowance necessary for the maintenance & education of disqualified persons	8 Names of persons connected with the Zemindar to whom allowances should be paid	9 Annual allowance to persons of the description in the preceding column	Remarks
									To Contain The General dispositions of the Zemindars. The Character dispositions and ability of Managers. Do. Do. Do. Guardians and the relations to the Zemindars the Estimate gross produce of the Country. The particulars of the persons in the 8th Column. The debt due to Government by the Zemindars and if it be ascertained those due to individuals.

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir

I was lately favored with your letter in answer to mine enquiring the Tahsildaries account and am sorry it is not in my power to comply with your request, a copy of the necessary forms shall be sent so soon as I receive a supply of stationary.

Not having, I believe received any answer to my request under date 4th April 1797 regarding an arrangement with Mr. Jackson for the Madura Peiscush I request the favor of you to inform me what steps you have taken in consequence or should the matter have escaped your notice which I rather think is the case I must again request that the subject do receive your attention at least before the close of the Fusly. If any ~~easier~~ mode of adjustment than that I requested occurs to you let me know soon Mr. Jackson's accounts are well brought up and delay may put him to inconvenience.

I am &ca.
(Signed) George Read
Acct. B R

Fort St. George
1st July 1797

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir

I am directed to remind you of the letter written to you on the 12th January last requesting monthly report of the state of Clove Plants

I am &ca.
(Signed) S Lushington
Secretary

Fort St. George
7th July 1797

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

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Sir

I herewith enclose you an Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit 1st July 1797

I am

Fort St. George
10th July 1797

(signed) George Read
A. B. Revenue

Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 1st July 1797

Read letter from Mr. Hurdis Acting Collector at Dindigul dated 22d June 1797

The Board acquiesce to the arrangement for the Village establishment made by Mr. Hurdis for the current year as an experiment. The Board cannot however form a judgement of the correctness of the scale adopted for calculating the pay of the Village sibbendy until furnished with a comparative statement of the extent of revenue expected to be derived from the lands, and privileges resumed they wish also to have the Acting Collector's sentiments on the policy of commuting the russooms received by them in kind for a money payment as desired in their letter of the 8th April and a detail of any one Village to shew what each servant therein will receive per Annum on the new scale compared with the produce of their lands and privileges supposing them cultivated. If there be uncultivated lands in a Village would not the inhabitants be equally ready to augment their rents by occupying them as by cultivating the maniams sirkar lands the former could produce an actual increase of Revenue the resumption of the latter creates a certain established charge payable from the Treasury while in war or bad seasons the Revenue may be very deficient. The Principal object to be gained by the resumption seems the prevention of future alinations of lands but should the lands when surveyed be rented out to the Village inhabitants at a fixed Jumma and

made

made saleable in case of arrear such a check would become altogether unnecessary, as there cannot be a doubt they will in such case protect their property from all incroachment In short the Board wish the Collector to state to them every circumstance which he may from local information have to offer for or against the change of a system which has obtained time immemorial

(A true Extract)

(Signed) T Ware

A Dy Acctt.

Invoice of the Stationary sent to Mr. T B Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Penills	1600	No.
Medium	17	Quires
Dimmy	5	Do.
Foolscap	75	Do.
Kings arms	26	Do.
Post	19	Do.
Quarter Post	20	Do.
Catridge Papers	5	Do.
Blotting Do.	5	Do.
Chit Do.	3	Do.
Pen knives	5	Do.
Pounce	4	lb
Ink Powder	17	Papers
Sealing wax	5	lb
Wafers	5	Boxes
Tapes	11	Pins
Pencills	14	No.
Inkstand	1	Do.
Ink Bottle	7	Do.
Erazing knives	2	Do.
Scissars	2	Do.
Strops	3	Do.
Ivory folders	4	Do.
Round Ruler	1	Do.
Flat Ruler	1	Do.
Sand Boxes	2	Do.
Lantern	1	Do.
Rubbers	3	Do.

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy Secretary

Received 12th July

Revenue Department

To Mr. Thomas B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant, and to inform you the Board leave to your discretion the temporary assumption of the Cunniwady Pollam but in consideration of the youth and inexperience of the Poligar and of your opinion that the failure is not attributable to him, the Board in case of your adopting the measure authorize you to declare that he will be put in possession of it, so soon as the arrears due to the Cirkar are discharged which there is no doubt under your management will take place in the current Fusly if there should be no obstacle thrown in your way by the Poligars or his adherents against which you should particularly caution him as being of the first importance to himself.

If you deem the assumption expedient you will pay particular attention to the Conduct of the young Poligar that he may be the better qualified to take charge of the Pollam hereafter and if he reside under your immediate inspection at Dindigul This object will be the easier effected it will be proper that some person remain in the Pollam on his part to inspect the account of Collection and you will avail yourself of this opportunity to ascertain as near as may be in your power the actual resources of the Pollam.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
14th July 1793

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Ultimo with it's enclosures and to inform you Government have authorized an advance of 5250 Chuckrums for encouraging the cultivation and have sanctioned the sum of 8843 - 13 Chuckrums represented by you to be necessary for the repair of Tanks Nullahs and Anicuts and the Board desire that you will be pleased to pay the most particular attention to the progress of the works.

Before the Board come to any determination respecting the Villages of Tanticherry and Stripolgutta held by Guntupnaique Goojernoor by Bodynaique they wish to receive your opinion upon the propriety of annexing them to the Circar lands.

Under the particular circumstances you have stated the Board acquiesce in your recommendation that the customs be again rented relying that you will use your utmost endeavours to discover and prevent any irregularities on the part of the renters.

As the Board in granting you permission to form the duties have deviated from what they have frequently desired might be considered a general principle Viz. 1st to retain the Customs under the Collector's immediate management they desire you will hereafter report to them particularly what regulations and checks you may establish over the conduct of the renters and what may appear to have been the effects.

Fort St. George
20th July 1797

I am &ca.
(Signed) S. Lushington

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

You will receive herewith the takeeds

requested in your letter of the 16th Instant for the Ramgherry and Cadauvoor Poligars with Copies for your information.

Ramnad
23d July 1797

I am &ca

(Signed) William Collins Jackson

To Mr T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I beg to call your attention to the 40th article of the regulations and request you will transmit the accounts and statements thereby required for the Fusly year.

Fort St George
23d July 1797

I am &ca

(Signed) G Read
A. B. R.

To Thomas B. Hurdis Esqre
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

I request you will do me the favour of informing me as soon as convenient what part you can provide me of 8200 Star Pagodas required for my disbursements of the ensuing month

I have &ca

Madura
24th July 1797

(Signed) R Hughes
Paymaster

To T. B Hurdis Esqre
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I have received your letter of the 1st Instt

No money has been received from the Poligar of Yelamoodoo except the full amount of his tribute due to the Company nor do I think it prudent to demand more on my part without the orders of Government.

I have no permission to authorize the appropriation of any part of the tribute of 1205

paid

paid by Amanxig to other purposes than what are acknowledged.

Ramnad }
4th August 1797 }

I have &ca.
(signed) W. C. Jackson

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I herewith enclose you an Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 15th July 1797.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
7th August 1797 }

(signed) G. Read
A. B. R.

Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 15th July 1797

Read Mr. Hurdis's answer to Audits of 24th December /96. 6th May and 24th June 1797.

Sundry Charges cutting away the jungle. 19-24-11 } To be written off to charges Extraordinary

On the Amildar who is not to be found. 1-3-10 } The Collector will no doubt collect this when the person can be found.

2 The Collector will use his endeavour to trage inhabitants from whom the balances are due thro' the means of the Amildars under whom they were incurred ordered that he call upon the Amildar, for the proofs of their having paid the amount of the Sawyer balance to Vafoodavahpillah and if they cannot produce them they must be required to discharge it immediately and he will require Poodoomoodely if he cannot now pay to find security; The Board are thus particular, because a Collector is held responsible for all sums inserted in the Treasury accounts

and if the amount be not received the responsibility will fall on the late Collector.

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16 — Passed for the reasons stated no charge of this nature to be incurred in future without sanction.

17 — ditto — ditto
18 — Passed

Demand Collection & Balance —

The country was not let out all the commencement of Fusly but kept in Aumany when rented the parties agreed to repay the Aumany Charges Collection in addition to their kists the presents to renters being prohibited by the Sirkar it appears the Collector at the request of the renters presented them with Cloths &ca they agreeing to repay the amount, the transaction was not regular or authorized but the parties having agreed to repay the amount and in consideration of it having been a custom to make such presents the amount was permitted to stand in the accounts for recovery and the Collector will no doubt use his best endeavours to that effect.

20 — The Collector will no doubt use his exertions to recover the amount if practicable.

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22 } no remarks necessary
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24 the Board concur in opinion with the Collector that troops called forth

for

for the protection of the country cannot be considered a charge on the Collector of Revenues, but Government have ordered that all charges Military incurred in consequence of the requisition of a Collector shall be so considered that is to say, all Extra Charges over and above what the troops would have occasioned had no such call been made. The Board cannot therefore dispense with a compliance with the orders of Government on this head

25 Moyen Izabitah passed

26 Charges Extraordinary The Board are well pleased to observe that the Acting Collector has made so satisfactory an arrangement, in future when pollams or farms are sequestered he will as early as possible transmit a list of the additional servants required for their sanction, which will save the trouble of remarks and replies in audit.

26 Sundry Charges passed.

27 the Board have passed the Extra Charges alluded to being perfectly satisfied the Collector has made no disbursements but such as a conviction of their propriety induced for the good of the service but as they themselves profess no authority to sanction any considerable disbursements and as the regulations specially direct the mode of proceeding in such cases the Acting Collector will no doubt also see the necessity of conforming thereto or when the good of the service compels him to deviate immediately to report such necessity, conforming to the rule laid down in audit 6th May 1797.

The Collector is desired in future to reply to audits as directed in the Regulations

Read Mr Hurdis's Moyen Izabitah for 1207 ..

The satisfactory arrangement already made

made by the Acting Collector and the benefits already derived from his exertions fully warrant the Board in affording him every aid in the execution of the arduous task he has yet to perform in completely regulating the Districts committed to his charge agreed therefore to pass the Moyenzabitah he has recommended as indispensably necessary to the due execution of his duties relying on his taking the earliest opportunity of Reducing the present unavoidably heavy charges.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) T. J. Ware
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T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I herewith transmit for your information Copies of two letters from the Poligars of Ramgherry and Cadavoor.

Ramnad
13th August 1797

I have &ca.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Collector to the District at Dindigul

Sir

I request you will do me the favor of informing me as soon as convenient what part you can provide me of 8700 Star Pagodas required for my disbursements of the ensuing Month.

I have &ca.
(Signed) Rt. Hughes
Paymaster

Madura
13th August 1797

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt

receipt of your letter dated the 16th Instant and to acquaint you I consider the subject on which you have written to be of so high importance as to make it necessary for me to address Government thereon.

I have equal reason with you to complain of the licentious conduct of the Colleries It was but a few days ago that a party of them armed with muskets and pikes entered the Saupatoor Pollam and murdered one of the principal inhabitants.

Having repeatedly written at your request to Sawmynaig representing the serious evil that would befal him if it were proved that he gave protection to any of the deposed Poligars of Dindigul and Sawmynaig having as often assured me that the complaints preferred against him were unfounded I would readily send him another taheed if I entertained the smallest notion that it would be of use, but if you should still continue of opinion that it would be serviceable I shall lose no time in forwarding it to you.

Ramnad
18th August 1797

I have &ca.
(signed) W. C. Jackson

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I herewith enclose copy of a letter from Tottapa naig Poligar of Dottapanaig pully stating that three people inhabitants of his pollam had been some days ago plundered of articles to a considerable amount as they were passing thro' the Village of Vuttul gunta in the Dindigul province by the Tahsildar of the Onbadoor District and that one of the three (a peon of the Poligars) had been forcibly carried

carried off to Dindigul where he now was confined in Irons.

I have to request that you will be pleased to make enquiry into the above representation and if what is therein stated be found to be the fact that such orders may be issued as appear to you necessary for the release of the Prisoner and the restitution of the property plundered agreeably to the list which accompanies this.

Ramnad
23d August 1797 } (signed) W C Jackson

Revenue Departmt.

To Mr. T B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Extract of a letter from Government and of the Board's reply respecting the prevention of Mr. Wynch's servants lately released from again entering your Districts when the Board are acquainted with their names the necessary information will be sent to you—

Fort St. George
24th August 1797 } I am &ca.
(signed) S Lushington

Extract of a letter from Government dated 29th July 1797.

At the repeated solicitation of Mr. Wynch we have ordered the servants lately employed under him at Dindigul to be released but we think it necessary to prohibit their being employed under any pretence whatever, in any department under this Government you will accordingly give public notice to this effect, and we particularly desire

that

that the Collector of Dindigul may be informed of this resolution and warned against the admission of those people within his Districts

Extract of a letter to Government dated 7 August 1797.

We take this occasion to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships letter of the 29th Ultimo and to request we may be informed of the names of Mr. Wynch's servants who are to be declared unworthy of serving the Company.

(True Extracts)

Signed / J B Travers
Depy. Secretary

To Mr. T B Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Being desirous that your Treasury account and demand Collection & balance should more particularly distinguish between Collections from Assumed Pollams and Circar lands I have to request you will raise a head of "Assumed Pollams" in those Accounts commencing 11th July last for the purpose.

I could wish likewise to have the Demand Collection & Balance altered throughout as the form you have been pleased to adopt is very inconvenient I send a form and recommend it for your observation and guidance.

I am &ca.

(Signed) G Read
A B R

Fort St. George
31st August 1797

Revenue Dept.

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J B Hurdis Esqr.

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed by the Board to point out your inattention to the Revenue Regulations in not having transmitted Diary of your proceedings from October last as also Quarterly Report of Prisoners.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
31st August 1797

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depty. Secretary

To Thomas B. Hurdis Esqr.

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to enclose Extract of a letter from Mootia naique Poligar of Cadavoor complaining of the Tafsildars and Ambolgar named S. Naugamoottoo naique of the Balamoot too naig Pollam belonging to Dindigul having forcibly entered the houses of several of his inhabitants at Vempara Village, and carried off a quantity of grain I am to request you will be pleased to make enquiry into the matter and if proved to be well founded that such orders be issued thereon as appear to you necessary for the prevention of further disturbances.

I have &ca.

Ramnad
2d. September 1797

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Revenue Department

To Mr. Thomas B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive copy of your Register of Bills for the months of January February March and April properly authenticated which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the Bills transmitted in the course of those months with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
2d. September 1797

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

Register of Bills for the month of January 1797

1797 January	21st	1 Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	4000	" "	transferred 28 Feby. 1797
		Star Pagodas	4000	" "	

Dindigul 5th February 1797

E. E.
per

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

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Register of Bills for the month of February 1797

1797 February	12th	1 Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	6500		transferred 31 March 1797
		Star Pagodas	6500		

Dindigul 1st March 1797.
E. E. per
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

Register of Bills for the Month of March 1797

1797 March	9th	1 Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	9000		transferred 31 March 1797
		Star Pagodas	9000		

Dindigul 1st April 1797
E. E.
per
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

Register of Bills for the Month of April 1797

1797 April 4th	1 Bill by Mr Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	8000	..	..	transferred 30 April 1797
	Star Pagodas	8000	..	..	

Dindigul 1st May 1797

E. E. per

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy Secretary

Revenue Department

To Mr Thomas B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your Register of Bills for the Months of May, June and July properly authenticated which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the Bills transmitted in the course of those three months with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

Fort St George
2d September 1797

I am &ca
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy Secry

Register of Bill for the Month of May 1797

1797 May	4th	1 Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General — — —	7800	..	..	Received
		Star Pagodas	7800	..	..	

Dindigul 1st May 1797

E. E. per

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector

(Signed) J. B. Travers

Depy Secretary

Register of Bills for the Month of June 1797

1797 June	4th	1 Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	7200	..		Received
		Star Pagodas	7200	..	..	

Dindigul 1st July 1797

E. E. per

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

(Signed) J. B. Travers

Depy Secretary

Register

Register of Bills for the Month of July 1797

1797 July	1	Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	8500 - -	Received
		Star Pagodas	8500 - -	

Dindigul 1st August 1797
E. E. per
(signed) T. B. Hurdis
(signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqre.
Collector of Dindigul

Sir

Being about to report to the Military Paymaster General that the large and unlooked for additional advance you have just made me renders it unnecessary that I should be furnished with any more cash for the current Month I shall be much obliged by your acquainting me in the best manner you may be able what sums I can rely upon you to furnish on the 1st of October & 1st November, that I may give timely intimation to him in case your Treasury and the Treasury of the Collector of Peishcush should not be able to answer in full my Indents of those two months

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I have &ca.

(Signed) Robert Hughes
Paymaster

Madura }
4th September 1797 }

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of the Board's Proceedings upon your report dated the 4th May, and you will be pleased to afford the explanations therein required, so soon as it may be in your power.

I am &ca.

(Signed) S. Lushington,
Secretary

Fort St. George }
5th September 1797 }

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 26th June 1797

Paras 1 to 13

The Board are well pleased with the Acting Collector's efficient enquiry into the actual circumstances of the Inhabitants, and approve the measures he has adopted in consequence for their relief. The Muchelka executed by the Renters in the Collector's possession, provided for the Inhabitants being allowed their full and just shares, it provided for the Collector's making himself thoroughly acquainted with the Jummabundy, and all other engagements entered into between the Renters & the Ryots

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it prescribed, that written engagements should be entered into for any Village or portion of land sub rented, and that such engagements to be valid, must be produced for the inspection

the Collector &c &c. Had therefore the smallest vigilance been exerted on the part of the

and Countersignature of the Collector, to see that the Renters strictly conducted themselves towards the Ryots in the manner therein so specially enjoined, as well as in the General regulations Art: 26 & 27 the abuses detailed in these and the following paragraphs, could not have existed.

It is with particular satisfaction the Board observe the Acting Collector's zealous exertions have been successful in completing the Village Settlement commenced by Mr. Harington on the principle explained in these Paras. The able investigation he has made, and the detail he has furnished afford good ground to hope that the energy of his measures will soon restore order in the Province, and render the revenue productive. Para 18 & 49

25 to 35 The Board must defer coming to any resolution upon the subject of Inams, noticed in these Paras until furnished with more particular information from the Acting Collector.

It seems doubtful that the statement of Syed Sahebs collections for Six years, furnished by the Committee, included the Inams; With respect to the lands now appropriated for the

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the Cawelly, they may have been included, as no such establishment was allowed by Syed Saheb, as well as all alienations made since the District has come into the Company's Possession, and which previously formed part of the Circar Lands; but they do not suppose the Enams attached to Village Establishments were therein included; and by the Statement (W) which accompanied the Committees Report it would seem that the Enams in the Cusbah Talook at the time of Capture were valued at about 2000 Chuckrums.

That the Board may be fully informed respecting the Enams, particularly referred to in the 32d Para, Ordered that the Acting Collector do furnish a register of the Sunnuds he mentions to have endorsed Jary in the form prescribed by the Board's instructions of the copy of which it is resolved to transmit him.

35 The Board have agreed to the Acting Collectors arrangement in regard to the Pay of Village Sibbendy for the Current year, but called upon him for more particular information on the subject of Establishing it as a principle in the Countries under his charge.

36 & 37 The Settlement for 1206 exclusive of Enams in the Cusba Pereacolum & Cutampollam

Talooks

Talooks, the Board perceive yield an increase of 1774 ₰ Cts on the Rents of 1205 and 12 ₰ Cts on the Rents in the resumed Cowles for 1206 but in Cumbum 9616 ₰ Cts on the Aumanee Collections brought to account by the late Collector how much the Cirkar may benefit by the assumption of Enams cannot be ascertained until the close of the year, indeed the same may be said of the settlement which is partly in kind.

48 & 49 The reasons assigned for having agreed to receive a portion of the Rent in grain are satisfactory to the Board, as it will no doubt lead to a money settlement, and as the estimated Price is low, there is every reason to expect Mr. Hurdis will realize the whole of his Jummabundy for the Current Fusly.

49 The Acting Collector has omitted to explain, whether the appropriation of the Choultry in the manner proposed is with the ready concurrence of the Bramins, with whose religious Prejudices, the Board would most reluctantly interfere, and never, but in cases of Emergency.

51 & 56 The Board submitted to Government on the 15th Instant, Copy of a letter from Mr. Hurdis representing that all his applications to the Nabob's Amildars, to restrain

the incursions of the Colleries & obtain justice to those ------ who had been injured having been disregarded, he had been obliged to make every preparation for repelling them, the Sibbendy stated to be necessary for this purpose, was recommended to the sanction of Government, and as the apprehension & punishment of these Plunderers, who frequently add murder to robbery must be equally desirable to his highness's Government, the Board expressed their hope that he might be induced to acquiesce in Mr. Hurdis's earnest desire, that he may be allowed to follow these people whithersoever they go in case of Pursuit, except into the territories of Tippoo Sultaun the devastations committed especially in the Amaputty Talook, reduced from a Revenue of 7000 to 630 Chs per Annum — is a strong proof of the necessity of their recommendation.—

57 & 62 The Board wait the receipt of the Collectors estimates.

62 & 63 The same remarks as on Paras 25 and 55. By the Statement of Enams which accompanies the Committee's Report, it appears their value at the capture of the District in 1790 is estimated as follows.

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	C Chuckrs
In Pereaculum Talook about ------	1674 —

		C. Chuckrums
In Outampollam Talook	.....	379 "
Cumbum	Do.	322 "

72 The Board apprehend from what they have stated, relative to the Enams, the comparison drawn in the 64th Para may not be perfectly correct, but they are led to hope from the Collectors exertions, and a proper attention to the repairs of Anicuts, Nullahs, and Tanks, the Country will be soon restored to it's wonted prosperity.

It is expected that the expence of Repairs will be correctly ascertained by the Survey in progress, and the Board have no doubt it will receive the sanction of Government.

The Committee also noticed the emigration of the Inhabitants to the Pollams, owing to the discouragement they experienced in the Cirkar Lands, there is however little doubt when protected in their just rights, they will give a preference to their own Villages.

74 & 76 The Account of Collections from the assumed Pollams of Yerryadoo, Madoor, and Shockumputty last year noticed in these Paras is a proof of the mismanagement which must have therein prevailed and which must for a time affect the Revenue, for comparing the Peishcush with the present years settlement, it appears the latter is little more than adequate to it's liquidation, but the Board have great reliance in the exertions of the Acting Collector to increase the Revenues of

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these Districts, which he states to be capable of much improvement. He will be pleased to suggest any mode that may appear to him best calculated in addition to the measures already proposed, for the purpose of obviating the causes of occasional defalcation pointed out in the 76th Para.

The Board approve of his proposition in regard to the Enams of this District.

77 & 82 The same remarks apply to the recently assumed Pollam of Deodanaputty, which deducting the collection made by the Poligar previous thereto, will not this year yield half the annual Peishcush.

82 & 86 The Acting Collector, states the Balances due from the late Poligar of Sundayore on its assumption was Chuckrums 1160, but to this is to be added the annual Peishcush, since that period, and deducting therefrom the annual Nett receipts, the residue will be the Balance against him at this date, and the Board are well pleased to observe that as so considerable a reduction will be made within the present Fusly.

Ordered that Acting Collector do furnish copy of the record alluded to, giving Gopia naigue reason to hope he would be restored on discharge of his Balance.

As the favourable character given by Mr. Hurdis of Gopia naigue forms a striking contrast to the representations made by Mr. Wynch of his rebellious conduct and upon which, so circumstancially related, the Board recommended the seizure of his person, and sequestration of his

[...]lies Pollam — It is resolved to refer the Acting Collector to the correspondence on this subject and to desire he will fully enquire into the particular Acts of disobedience therein stated.

[8]90 The report on the Nellacottah Pollam, the Board are happy to observe promises an early liquidation of the Balance.

[...]91 Ordered that the Acting Collector do warn the Predaunee of Cunnivady Poligar against his persisting in a conduct so highly exceptionable as herein stated, and that he be apprized if he continues to exclude the Poligar from the management of the Pollam, the Board will think it necessary to insist on his removal.

& 110 The measures taken by the Acting Collector for restoring order in the Pylney Pollam, and the settlement made of the land Revenues for the current year Chuckrums 27,200 which Mr. Hurdis states to be only 3. 8. 8. per Cent less than Syed Saheb's Gross Collections for 1195 merit the Boards approbation; and they doubt not his arrangements therein will lead to yet more essential improvements; the observations already made on the subject of Inams render the accuracy of the above comparison drawn in the 109th Para doubtful. Before the Board can come to a final decision regarding the Village Sillendy, they must wait the information required from the Acting Collector under date the 6th of April last.

111 to 112 The Board must rely on the circumspection and exertions of the Acting Collector to regulate these Districts, there seems reason to expect he will realize a sum equal to the Current Peishcush of Marrabour and Yerracottah lately resumed.

It appears to the Board, that the Veerapatchy Poligar, ought to be called upon to refund the Collection of the current year, made from the Goddium District Chucks 945 ordered that the Collector report his opinion of the proofs that he has received that sum, and whether any objection occurs to him against requiring payment of the amount.

113 & 116 It is with particular satisfaction the Board observe the Acting Collector has already been so successful in correcting the abuse alluded to in these Paras which he considers to have operated so greatly to the injury of the Revenue and which they trust the survey in progress will effectually remedy.

1 & 20 As far as the Board can at present judge the arrangements the Acting Collector has made, and proposes to introduce into the Cawelly department appear very judicious, & if they can be carried generally into effect, which must depend entirely on his exertions, and address promise advantage to Revenue, and greater security to the Inhabitants of the Circar lands. The following observations however, occur in particular points stated in his Report.

20 & 28 The Board conceive there is an objection to the Poligar being obliged to cultivate the Cawelly lands by his own Ryots as he would by this

this means be a loser; if those Ryots cultivated lands within his Pollam he would make his own collections from them without deduction; Whereas by transferring their labor to the Cawelly lands in the Circar Villages the Collections from which are to be made and appropriated by the Acting Collector the probability is, that after defraying all charges of the Establishment of Peons &ca a very trifling if any surplus will go to the Poligar; and they also apprehend such interference on the part of the Inhabitants of the Pollams might give rise to disputes, besides being attended with extraordinary charge of Cultivation to the Poligar from being in small detached spots. The Board are therefore of opinion that the Circar Ryots should cultivate these lands within their respective Villages and as the Poligars are to be excluded from all interference therein the Inhabitants cannot be thereby exposed to undue exactions, indeed the latter might also consider it a hardship were it otherwise, particularly in Villages where all the arable land is cultivated as depriving them of their share of the Crop from the Cawelly Enams which they could earn with little more additional expense than the price of the seed.

In Villages where the arable lands are not and cannot be all cultivated the Inhabitants should only be directed to cultivate the Cawelly Enams in the proportion they bear

to the Circar lands under cultivation but in such cases the Poligars to have the option of cultivating the whole by his own Ryots on the Collector's Cowle if he thinks proper to do so.

Under the circumstances stated by the Acting Collector in the 22nd 23rd 27th and 33rd Paras regarding the money collections which are represented to be highly objectionable it does not appear to the Board how they can with propriety be continued under any Regulation more particularly as they appear to have been arbitrary exactions on the part of the Poligars agreed however to defer the further consideration of the subject until the Acting Collector shall have had the whole of the Previleges under his management for one year when he will be better able to furnish the Board with accurate information and his opinion of the propriety of abolishing them.

…a 28 & 31 Mr. Harington refers to his address of the 30th September / Para 10 / for an explanation of the motives which induced him to allow Appaujee Goundan to hold the Cawelly of the Villages alluded to by the Collector. The permission was merely protempore until the orders of Government should be obtained.

The Collector in his 29th Para observes, "Your Board must determine whether "the Cawelly evil should exist here or whether "the Inhabitants should live in constant "apprehension of being plundered as opportunity

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"may offer by a disappointed Poligar" at the same time if granted he, in the following Para states that his forbearance will be purchased by nearly 127 per Cent above the value of his tribute. The Board wish the Acting Collector had given a decided opinion as to the expediency of allowing this Poligar to hold the Cawelly in question they do not consider the Appajee Goundens Claim is at all strengthened by the declared temporary occupancy allowed him, and the Acting Collector in the 28th Para of the first part of his Report gives an opinion that he has no right to it, previous therefore to the Board coming to a resolution on this point they think it necessary again to call upon the Acting Collector for his opinion and that he will also state how far he considers himself pledged to the Poligar by the conversation noticed in the 3d Para Vizt. "I hinted to him "the condition on which I would restore him "the Cawelly he claimed on Mr. Haringtons "Innaitnama" in consequence of his having acquiesced in the required conditions. If the Acting Collector does not consider himself from what passed, pledged to the Poligar, and is of opinion that the property of the Villages can be secured by appointing Talliars with more reasonable privileges it would be more consistent to resort to that mode of protection, than to be in a manner compelled to yield to the Poligar but if under all the circumstances of the

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case he should think his appointment the best Policy, it will of course have weight in the consideration of his future Peishcush; as as the Collections are to be made by the Acting Collector and the expences of the Establishment to be disbursed by him, it will be seen what proportion the latter bear to the former – if they are materially less and admit of a comparative considerable surplus transferrable to the Poligar, the Cavelly Inams may be curtailed as being more than sufficient for the purpose intended.

Para 32. Ordered that the Collector do ascertain if it was customary for Village Watchers of Grain Heaps to draw the fee mentioned in this Para and in that case to report whether the continuation of it to them will not be more eligible than allowing the Poligar to receive it.

In the 55th & 61st Paras the Acting Collector mentions having forbid the Ryots of the Circar lands from working in any of the Pollams. The Board observe that this restriction is not consistent with the principle laid down in the 63rd Article of the general Regulations which admits of all inhabitants not in arrear or under engagements to the Circar, to reside and Employ their labors where they please; the English Government trusting to the Justice and Lenity of their administration to secure to themselves the preference. This principle the Board wish to be adopted by the Acting Collector and they have no doubt that from his attention to the

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general Interests of the Inhabitants it will answer every desired purpose.

The Board are not aware to what particular Circumstance the Acting Collector alludes in the 72^d^ Para: if it refer to any supposed promise made by the Committee, Mr. Harington begs leave to explain that the Committee considered itself precluded from making any promise of the nature mentioned being of opinion that it rested exclusively with Government after a consideration of their proceedings and that so far from any promise of restitution which under the above impression was particularly avoided; not even one Poligar expressed an expectation or hope of, or made the most distant allusion to it.

It has already been resolved by Government in consequence of the Acting Collector's address of the 4th March last that no immediate changes shall be made in the present assessment of Peishcush. The Board lament there should have appeared so much cause to attribute many of the excess of the Poligars to those deputed to govern them they approve the Acting Collector's attempting to regulate their conduct by gradual and temporizing means, at the same time they apprehend, his success in effecting any material reform will not a little depend upon an adequate force being stationed in the districts experience has proved this to be the only means of rendering the Civil Authority respected, among that class of people and in fact

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of preventing the necessity of resorting to Military aid. By having the power of Coercion at hand in case of need, by establishing the Cawelly on the principle proposed, by insisting upon a direct communication between the Circar and Poligars, by rooting in out the intervention of Soucars, and by removing the baneful influence of Predauns or Dewans, and convincing the Poligars of the advantage of becoming their own Managers there is every reason to hope the Acting Collector may in time conquer that predatory restless spirit, which from whatever source it originated, has long characterized the Poligars of the Southern Provinces, but these radical changes can only be expected to result from an uninterrupted, able, and vigilant administration for a series of years. The Board have the fullest confidence in the zeal and ability of the Acting Collector and they rely upon his obtaining as soon as possible the information necessary for fixing the the extent of the Peishcush which the Circar ought in justice and good Policy to demand for a period of years or in perpituity as the surest means of establishing in the minds of the Poligars, a confidence in it's agreements, and of shutting the Door against the abuses which have almost invariably attended in Annual settlements.

(True Extract)

(Signed) Travers
Depy. Secretary

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Names of the Claimants	Names of the Enam Villages	Names of the Shotrium Villages	Title of the Deeds or Sunnuds explaining the cause for giving the grant	Date of Hegra in the Seal	Date of the Deed or Sunnud or if no deed or sunnud Hare is long held	Relation of the persons whose name is in the deeds to the present Claimants	For life or what period	Hereditory	By whom signed	Age of the Claimant	Cost	Profession	Infirmity	Residence	Family number of Persons therein	Condition of the individual and whether professing any other means of livelihood	Estimated value of the Village	Annual Payment to Government	General Remarks

Revenue Department

To Mr. Thomas B. Hurdis Esqr.

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

We have received your letter of the 3d Instt with its enclosures.

We approve the means adopted in the assumption of the Pulliappa naigancor Pollam and shall wait your more detailed report upon its state and real value.

It is very satisfactory to us that the Cunneyvaudy Poligar has obviated the necessity of adopting rigorous measures for the recovery of the Company's demands; and we have every reliance that you will be as successful in preventing any future deviations from his duty.

We shall again address Government respecting the depredations of the Colleries and we are hopeful that the Nabob will be induced not only to give orders to his Aumildars to cooperate effectually with you; but that he will consent to your following those Colleries detected in the act of plundering whethersoever they may go into his Country. the regret which the continuance of their depredations occasions, is however much relieved, by the report you have generally made of the improving state of your Districts, and we shall receive with much satisfaction the more particular information you have promised.

We approve the alteration you have made in the Kistbundy of some of the Poligars, their general punctuality in paying their Kists; and the confidence shewn by those, who have heretofore been considered the most refractory, entitle you

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to our full approbation.

Fort St. George
15th September 1797

We are &ca.
(Signed) A White
Do. Tho Cockburn
Do. Wm. Harington

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir

(Circular) The Board having directed me to prepare and lay before them a General List and state of all Balances outstanding on the 12th July last, I accordingly request to be furnished as early as possible with your Statement of such as are considered good, Dubious, or Desperate.

I consider it however necessary to apprize you that the Board expect you will be circumstantial in remarking upon each Balance outstanding at the time before mentioned, in particular upon those for the years 1204-1205 & 1206. That you will specify whether there be security for them the nature of it, and to what Amount and when you expect it will be made good - where there is no security the situation circumstances and present income of the parties as accurately as can be ascertained, to be stated with your opinion in regard to the probable period of realization. In short such full and clear information on each Balance as may enable the Board to report to Government thereon for it's information and order and ultimately for that of the Court of Directors.

For the purpose of bringing the several

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reports into one general Form I have to Recom-
-mend the accompanying to your observation & guidance.

I am &ca

Fort St. George }
25th September 1797 }

(Signed) Geo. Read
A.B.R

List of Balances outstanding in the ______ on the 12th July 1797

	S.P. f. c.	S.P. f. c.			Remarks
Good Balances					Good Balances
Athwada Sing Rajah of Seerguur for Fusly 1204	500 " "				Athwada Sing
1205	3000 " "				
1206	250 " "	3750 " "			
Seekeera Bungle Rajah of Goomsur for Fusly 1203					Seekeera Bungle
1204					
1205					
1206					
Rajahmunny Rajah of Mandesaw his old Acct.					Rajamunny Rajah
1203					
1204					
1205					
1206					
Total Good Balances			3750		
Dubious Balances					Dubious Balances
Beemadoo Rajah of Vizianagur for 1201	100 " "				Beemadoo Rajah
for 1202	250 " "				
for 1203	300 " "	650 " "			
Cholerow Rajah of Jellentra his Dubious Account for Fusly 1201					Cholerow Rajah
for " 1202					
for " 1204					
Gazender Rajah of Paloor his dubious Account					Gazender Rajah
1203					
1204					
1205					
Total Balances considered Dubious			650 " "		
Carried forward			4400 " "		

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		SP	f	c	Remarks
Good & Dubious balance brought forward		4400	"	"	
Desperate Balances					Remarks Desperate Balance
Santarow Rajah of Hurmah his dubious account	210 " "				Santerow Rajah of
Do for Finaly 1201	100 " "				
1202	300 " "				
1203	200 " " 810 " "				
Seekera Bunge Rajah of Goomsur Dubious Account	1200				Seekera Bunge Rajah of
Royasing Rajah of Sourekah his Dubious Account					Roya sing Rajah of
Land Revenue under Aumanee 1201 / 1202 / 1203 / 1204					Land Revenue under Aumanee
Gomastahs Balances for 1201 / 1202 / 1203 / 1204					Gomastahs Balances
Total Balances considered Desperate & inrecoverable		810	"	"	
Total Balances outstanding on the 12th July under the several Classes of Good Dubious & Desperate		5210	"	"	

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Board having submitted your request to Government for permission to pursue the Colleries, who infest your District into the neighbouring Territories of the Company or the Nabob, I am directed to transmit Extract of their letter with the reply of the Right Honorable President for your information and guidance.

Fort St. George
2d October 1797

I am &ca.
(Signed) J. Lushington

Extract of a Letter to Government Dated 15th September 1797

Mr. Hurdis having again brought to our notice the very serious alarm which the Dindigul District continues to suffer from the depredations of the Colleries belonging to the Nabob's Country, and having requested permission to follow them upon detection whithersoever they may go, except into the territories of Tippoo Sultaun, we have the honor to enclose Copy of his letter, and to request your Lordships reference to our former address upon the subject dated the 15th of June last. It will be satisfactory to your Lordships to observe the progressive success of Mr. Hurdis's management in the Dindigul District in every other respect.

Extract of a letter from Government dated 23rd. September 1797.

To observe the progressive success of the Collector at Dindigul is very satisfactory to us, and we place much reliance on his discretion, we authorize him to pursue the Colleries who infest his districts into the neighbouring territories of the Company or of the Nabob.

Upon these occasions Mr. Hurdis will of course give proper notice to the Officers in charge of the Districts which he may happen to enter.

(True Extracts)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Dy. Secy.

(Circular)

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I beg leave to remind you of the Jummahbundy and Kistbundy for Fusly 1207 together with the other papers required to accompany it. If any circumstance is likely to impede their early transmission I beg the favor of you to inform me that I may mention it to the Board accordingly.

I request to be supplied with your accounts from the 11th July last to the latest period. They are particularly required in my Office.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
11th October 1797 }

(Signed) G. Read
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To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Right Honorable the President in Council having resolved to bring Lieutenant Colonel Oliver to trial, so soon as the evidences necessary to support the prosecution shall be collected desires you will make the necessary arrangements for assembling and sending to Trichinopoly such of the persons mentioned in the enclosed List as reside in the District under your management. Those who may be revenue defaulters, and under confinement, you will send on under a

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proper guard communicating on this subject with Major General Floyd, or the Officer Commanding at Trichinopoly.

As the assembling the Court Martial depends on the arrival of the evidence at Trichinopoly you will report to me without delay, when you expect that the whole of the people to proceed from the Dindigul District will reach the place of their destination.

You will keep in readiness to be forwarded to Trichinopoly without loss of time such of the Original papers mentioned in the enclosed List as are deposited amongst the records of your Office.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
11th October 1797

(signed) E. Webbe
Sub Secrety

List of Evidence

Vallaida Naigue late Poligar of Pylney

Anunta Chetty
Kistanama Chetty
Teenevangoody
Teeneevausiah
Renguppa Naik
Nautaum Choean Chetty
Sooma Soondrum
Chockam Chetty
Commarsawmy Chetty
Gopaulah Vakeel at Choakamputty

} In the Dindigul District

Pon

Pana Coolty Tomby	In the Dindigul District
Vencata Iyen	
Moodie Modely	
Sungara Moorty	
Sandaboy	
Saumy Chetty	
Soobaroy Chetty	
Shunmoogrum Pilly	
Ram Reddy	
Doaden Boyen	
Nangoor Rahauttum	
Pana Meera Rahauttum	
Ismail Rahauttum	
Mahomed Levy	
Chedumbrum Moodely	
Maurreyan Shewgar	
Rampenaudom	
Caunumaul	
Sampulty Pilly	
Iyacoolty	
Condapilly	
Videe Iyen	
Iyah Modely	
Shake meera Rahauttum	
Gopia Naigues Vakeel	
Cheedlingum Modely	
Poonapilly Royaum	
Pylney Andy Pilly	
Pylney Mally Pilly	

List

List of Papers Required

Military Correspondence

For January, February October & December 1795
For January February March 1796
} These Papers are in the Revenue Office

Original Letters from Lieut. Col. Oliver under date

30 January
13, 18 February
9, 15 October
19, 22, 24 December
} 1795

28th January
9, 19 February
7, 30, 31 March
} 1796

Cadjans from Vallaida Naique to Mr. Wynch

25 January
15 February
25 September
7 October
} 1795

From Jyacoody Vakeel 11th December 1795

From Poligar of Jacoody to Rungien & Pylney Mala Pillay Received 12th December 1795

Declaration of Videe Jyen 16th February 1795

Counterpart of Mortgage Bond dated the 1st June 1795 Received the 27th of January 1796

Declaration of Anunda Row dated the 25th of January 1796.

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Declarations of Sanapetty & Chockalinga Moodeliar Received the 30th of December 1795 The above delivered to Mr. Harington by order of Government under date the 8th of June 1796.

Letters from Mr. Wrangham to Colonel Cuppage & Captain Oliver, these form a part a Bound Book delivered by Mr. Wrangham to me and Redelivered by me to Mr. Harington.—

Two Cadjans from Vallaida Naigue to Mr. Wrang-ham respecting the delivery of Teeroovangoody, the Originals given into Mr. Hurdis on the 10th of November 1796.

Two letters from Captain James Oliver to Vassoo-Davy Pilly under date the 19th of April & 24th of May 1795 Originals delivered to Mr. Secretary Webbe on the 21st of June 1797 by order of Govern-ment under date the 3rd of June 1797

St. Thome
2nd October 1797 } (Signed) George Wynch

(A true Copy)

(Signed) Parry
Sub Secretary

Copy

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

It is my duty to acquaint you that I have positive information that the deposed Polygar of Coomarawady is at this moment living under the protection of the Veerapatchy Polygar, & that the latter is preparing a force with the intention of committing hostilities

in Commarawady. I earnestly entreat you therefore to take such measures as may appear to you necessary for guarding against the execution of this design, and if possible for securing the Persons of the deposed Polygar, who some time ago effected his escape from Vellore, & who is without doubt at present in the Veerapatchy Pollam.

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14th October 1797

I have &ca.
(Signed) W C Jackson

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The Poligar of Cunniwady has also promised his assistance. You will be pleased therefore to write to him also.

(Signed) W C Jackson

Revenue Department

To Mr. Thomas B Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your Register of bills for the Months of August and September properly authenticated which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the bills transmitted in the course of those Months, with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
15th October 1797

(Signed) J B Travers
Depy. Secretary

Register of Bill for the Month of August 1797

1797 August 2d	1 Bill by Messrs. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	8200	Transferred on the 31st August 1797

Star Pagodas .. 8200 .. ..

Dindigul 5th September 1797

E. E. per

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

Register of Bill for the month of September 1797

1797 September 1st	1 Bill by Messrs. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on .. Military Paymaster General.	8200	Received

Star Pagodas 8200 .. ..

Dindigul 5th October /97

E. E. per

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Actg. Collector

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed memorandum of Papers requested by Mr. Wynch, and you will be pleased to despatch them to Trichinopoly, under care of a proper person, to be there delivered to him, on his receipt, requesting that they be returned to your Servant when they are no longer wanted.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
16th October 1797 }

(signed) S Lushington
Secretary

Lists of Papers required
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Cadjans from Vallaida Naigue to Mr. Wynch,
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Mala Pilly - Received 12th December 1795
Declaration of Videe Iyen 16th February 1795
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Declaration of Anundarow dated the 25th
of January 1796.
Declaration of Shanaputty Pilly and Chocka-
linga Moodeliar Received the 30th of Decr. 1795
The above delivered to Mr. Harington by
order of Government under date the 8th of June 1796.
Letters from Mr. Wrangham to Colonel Cuppage
and Captain Oliver, these form a part of a
Bound Book delivered by Mr. Wrangham to me
and redelivered by me to Mr. Harington.
Two Cadjans from Vallaida naigue to Mr.
Wrangham respecting the delivery of Tearoo-
-vangoody, the originals given into Mr. Hurdis
on the 10th of November 1796 - Two letters from
Captain James Oliver to Vassoo Davy Pilly
under date the 19th of April and 24th of May
1795, Originals delivered to Mr. Secretary
Webbe on the 21st of June 1797 by order of
Government

Government under date the 3d. of June 1797

(Signed) George Wynch

(A true Copy)

St. Thome }
2d. October 1797 }

(Signed) George Parry
Sub Secretary

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secrey.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

You will herewith be pleased to receive Copy of the Regulations & forms for the conduct of Accounts.

Enclosures are not forthcoming

I am &ca.

(Signed) Geo Read
A. B. R.

Fort St. Ge. }
17th October 1797 }

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector of Dindigul

Sir

I am much obliged to you for your letter of the 17th Instant.

I concur most perfectly with you that it is absolutely necessary for the quiet of the Country, that some means should be speedily fallen upon to keep the Colleries in Check — To this end I addressed Government on the 12th Instant, earnestly recommending that two Companies of regular Sepoys under the Command of

of an active & experienced Officer should be stationed in Wootappa Naigues Pollam, which is not more than an hour's march from Aungore, & about five miles from Pappapetty the place of General rendezvous of all the disaffected Polygars. I am happy to find that this measure so nearly coincides with the observation offered in your letter as to the necessity of a force being stationed at Aungore Wootappa naik's Pollam, however, I think far preferable because it will have more decided an effect on the minds of all the Polygars, as there is nothing they dread so much as that of having Company's Troops permanently stationed in their Pollams.

That you may the better judge how far the Polygars of Veerapatchee & Cunniewaddy are disposed to afford support to the deposed Polygar of Comarawaddy, I have the honor to enclose copies of two letters one from the Akbar noveer at Manapara the other from Comara Luchia Naigue the Postscript contained ————— in the Polygar's own hand writing.

The late enterprize against Commia naigue failed, notwithstanding our Troops had reached the house in which the Polygar was sleeping, & that five of the sepoys were actually within the Compound.

Ramnad
19th October 1797

I have &ca.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson

From Comara Luckia Naick - dated 7th Received 13th

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Collector at Ramnad

Sir

Having discovered for certain that the Verupatchy Polygar was giving encouragement and protection in his Pollam to my father (whom Government have proscribed, and from whose confinement he has lately effected his escape) that he was also instigating the principal men in public situation, my servants Peons and the Inhabitants of my Pollam against me - that he has also been instigating the Peons who constantly attend my person, to murder individuals whom I generally employ in the execution of the Company's business - that he means to send persons into the Cadawoor Pollam, and then that he designs to proceed against me with the above force, surround me closely put an end to my existence & then to reinstate my father and that all this was certainly to be accomplished by the Thewaly Feast (which is on the 19th Instant) consequently I sent for those persons, whom I greatly suspected of a conspiracy against my life and having desired them to declare what reasons they had to be thus conspired and why they acquiesced to the instigations against me - several of them found means to escape to Cadawoor, where they remain several I have secured & have them under Custody -

The Polygars who are risen against me

me though perfectly acquainted that I am a Child to the Company, yet have thus fear-lessly conspired against me.

I esteem you & the Company as my mother, father, elder & younger brother Priest & God having no other to confide upon as I & my dependants can no longer manage here with any safety if you will order me to come and remain under your immediate pro-tection, I shall accordingly leave the Pollam I have acquainted you of the occurrences sub-mit them to your consideration & beg to be favored with an answer soon.

P.S. Since writing the above, the inha-bitants whom I sent to Verupatchy returned, they have sent an Olah addressed to you ac-quainting what had passed there they told me "if you do not send your managers to Verupatchy on Friday next (the 13th) that Poligar & other Poligars will come and dispossess you of your Pollam – consequently I & my servants and Inhabitants have no rest day or night – my only dependance is on you and no other.

What can I say more

(Signed) Comara Luckia naig

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. Balfour
Assist. Collr.

From the Manapara Akbar Novees dated 11th October received 13th.

I have to acquaint you that Comara Luckia naigue having sent three of his inhabi-tants

tants to the Poligar of Veerapatchy to acquaint him that he had heard of his (the Poligar) having deluded Mopily Naigue (his Brother in law) and from others (his relations) to leave his Pollam & to remain themselves into the Cadawoor Pollam, therefore requested to be informed whether or not there was any truth in what he heard. He told them "if you will "not go back, & return hither with two princi-"pal men of your Pollam, make up matters "in an amicable manner with Old Luckia "Naig who has effected his escape from Vellore, "and escort him to Comarawady Pollam by "Friday next or Saturday, I, the Cunniwady "Poligar, and four or five other Poligars, with "our respective men shall proceed to Comara-"waddy you will therefore be in readiness with "your men."

The three Inhabitants returned & after having communicated the above message to their Master Comara Luckia naigue, they with some other Inhabitants (ten in number) came to Manapara, & communicated it also to Captain Gepp. They then addressed an Olah to you, acquainting of the foregoing to which they have fixed their signatures. They delivered it to Captain Gepp, who has trans-mitted it to you by Tappal. Old Luckia Naigue who was at first in the Nuttum Pol-lam has now removed himself ~~into~~ into the Veerapatchy Pollam. It is rumoured, that he is rambling about in the Coomarawaddy

Pollam

Pollam disguised like a Pundarum.

(signed) Sied Amen

(A true Copy)

(signed) J Balfour

Assist. Collector

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

(Circular) I am directed by the Board to transmit Copy of a plan, and proposal for the establishment of Granaries, to preserve a proportion of the produce in plentiful Years, for the exigencies of adverse seasons, and to desire you will report how far it is adopted to the situation and circumstance of your Collectorship, and that you offer your opinion of the possibility of rendering it efficient or suggest such other measure, as you think better calculated to answer the end proposed

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
20th October 1797

(Signed) J. B. Travers

Depy. Secrety.

Proposals from reputable Subrenters and Ryots of the Coramdah Purgunnah to Captain Alexandar Denton Superintendent for the supply of Grain to the Honorable Company to form Granaries for such and to exchange the Grain annually under the following conditions.

1st. That they will form a computation of the number of Poor Inhabitants contained

in

in each Mootah and the different Grains usually consumed by them of which as nearly as may be accomplishable they will in the proportion of half a seer to each person for the space of one year lay up a store in Granaries to be built for that purpose in the principal and most Populous Villages of each Mootah.

2nd. For the preservation of this Grain they will undertake to construct Granaries which shall be raised three feet from the ground supported by stone, the sides to be wickered & plaistered and the top covered in after the manner that is usually practised for the security of Grain and which shall be approved of.

3rd. But as these Granaries though serviceable for four or five years with a trifling repair, are yet at the outset productive of expence, they do under the motive that no imposition may be practised undertake to complete them on the condition that they be allowed at the rate of 3 Pag.s for every 20 Malaukah Candies of Grain so to be stored in them which shall be whole expence attending their construction.

4th. And as there are Grains of a nature that require to be kept under ground, they will select proper spots for that purpose and will secure them in the manner best adapted to that end, taking for the expence so to be incurred only half the allowance required for the former.

5th. They do moreover undertake to deliver the different Grains so to be stored at the prices hereafter mentioned

according

according to the several denominations of them, with this exception, that as time may elapse before the confirmation of this agreement by which some alteration may take place, they conditioning that the alteration shall not exceed one quarter of a Pagoda for Malanka Candy either in the increase or decrease of the present price, will leave the same to be determined by equity according to the current price of the day on which this agreement shall be finally concluded.

White Paddy

Gungazelaloo	at 3 Pagodas	per Malanka	Candy
Alorgadaloo	at 3	Do.	Do.
Ankooloo	3	Do.	Do.
Roopoonaraynooloo and Palacantaloo	3	Do.	Do.

Red Paddy

Yerradaloo	2½	Do.	Do.
Cantaloo	2½	Do.	Do.
Causteeantoo	2½	Do.	Do.

Black Paddy

Jellamalloo	2¼	Do.	Do.

Small Grain

Natchnee	2¼	Do.	Do.
Aroogooloo	2	Do.	Do.
Samaloo	2½	Do.	Do.
Junnaloo	3¾	Do.	Do.

6th And in order that no dispute may arise respecting the weight, they do here declare that the Malanka Potty or Candy shall be a measure of 200. Cunjam of 4 Seers each Cunjum weighing 256 Dubs or allowing a deficiency of Dubs to Ounces 72 lb is 1600 lb

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the Remainder 1528 lb shall be the express English weight to each Candy and moreover to remove all possibility of dispute on this occasion they will cause two separate measures containing one Cunjam each to be made counterpart of each other, one to remain at pleasure, the other with themselves, which shall be referred to in case of any difference arising on this subject.

7th. When these Granaries shall be prepared for the reception of the Grain, and that such is collected they will report the same to any person whomsoever may be chosen to inspect the quality and measurement previous to its being laid in, and when such person be satisfied as to the quality and quantity they will deliver him an account after the form C No. 3 with their separate Moochilkas binding them in security and responsibility for the grain specified to be laid in by them as per D No. 4

8th. After the closing of these Granaries they will commit them to the care and Charge of the Curnums and Inhabitants of the Village where these are to be formed, from whom for the better security they are to be permitted to take a Moochelkah making them accountable that the same does not suffer from thieves which being a general practice and they being the servants of the Circar they cannot have any reasonable objection to. then all injury the Grain may sustain by fire, Vermine, weather, or otherwise they will undertake to become responsible for and will make good any loss or Damage thereby sustained, except in such a case as the invasion of an Enemy when

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on all such times they depend on the Honorable Company for protection, and on the occurrence of such an improbable event so engage to use all the means afforded them by the Sibbendy of the Purgunnah and all others in their power to prevent any loss or mischief which with the timely aid of a few Sepoys they doubt not will be perfectly sufficient to that end, nor unless they shall substantiate this by satisfactory evidence will they demand any exemption from the aforesaid responsibility.

9th They do further engage that should it be the pleasure of the Company to have any or all of these sorts of Grain exchanged that at the next season they will replace them with new Grain of the best quality of similar denominations the produce of the existing season, on condition that they are allowed for the wastage of the Grain and the loss on removal at the rate of 2½ per Cent in the quantities so to be exchanged.

10th But here it will not fail to occur that at times the season may prove so unfavorable to particular kinds of Grain that the Country may not actually produce the full quantity of the Grain so to be laid in, they do trust that exerting themselves to the utmost of their power in securing whatever may grow they shall be exempted from the necessity of a further compliance with this article thus rendered indeed impracticable, particularly as by such a failure the Price of Grain which may fail, should there be any doubt of it not keeping a 2d year, will be so enhanced as to make it a profitable

time

time for its disposal and by which event the Company must be considerably Gainers.

11th They do further engage that they will keep these Granaries in a continued state of Repair and will become responsible for the care and charge of the new Grain thus to be laid in on ensuing years on condition that they be allowed for the same at the rate of 5 per Cent per Annum which sum shall be admitted them in account, on a certificate being obtained that the terms of this agreement have been truly observed by them.

N.B. For Names see the Register C No. 3

(A true Copy)

(Signed) Samuel Skinner
Assistt.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

Translation of the Gentoo Paper D No. 4.

To Captain Alexander Denton

We Auradoolah Soorapooraiuz Mauchereddy Ramasaumey Ishety Peddama-boodoo Cottapilly Venkanah Gopanah Padda-manaboodoo, Potoolah Rambadroodoo, Curmims and Inhabitants of the Village of Moorary do write and give this Sunnadoo for the Balance of our Rent we shall give Grain of the following kinds and price

				MP. F. C.
No. 1	Autoogadaloo	24	Malaka Candy	72 — " — "
" 2	Paulacontaloo	80	Do. Do.	240 — " — "
" 3	Aukooloo —	8	Do. Do.	24 — " — "

					M.P.	F.	C.
No. 4	Yaradauloo	32	Malaka Candy		80	"	"
" 3	Natchenies	20	Do.	Do.	50	"	"
" 6	Alloo	17	Do.	Do.	34	"	"
			M. Pagodas		500	"	"

For the sum of Five hundred Madras Pagodas worth of Grain we shall build Granaries at Morary and place the grain therein being allowed for the Candies contained in them at the rate of three Pagodas for every twenty Malaka Candies, and we shall change the grain at the next season at the rate of 2½ per Cent - The danger of an open enemy being the Company all other loss the Grain shall sustain by fire by thieves by Rats or by Rain we shall make good and will be answerable for.

Auradoolah Soorapooraujee
Ramasawmy
Jahety Buddamaboodoo
Cottapilly Venkanah
Gopanah Peddamanaboodoo
Potoolah Rambadroodoo } Signed by

A true Copy from the Translation

Month of February 25th 1797 } (Signed S. Kinner
Assistt.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

Querie	Answer
Why if Grain is to be stored should this be the proper year?	The uncommon abundance of the present season by which the difficulty of converting grain into money

money besides furnishing the most favourable opportunity for storing it, yeilds a sufficient inducement for the Ryot to part with his grain at a moderate and equitable price, and the convenience the Renter will find in being permitted to make his payment in the same manner instead of recurring to loans on a high interest or the disadvantageous sale of his Grain under the glut of the market are circumstances of which I have availed myself to bring responsible people to the formation of the present proposed.

Querie — Why compute the number of Inhabitants?

Answer

By such means every Mootah or Purgunnah may be enabled to provide for its own people, and with food of the quality to which they are accustomed it will be found that near the Hills and Countries mostly composed of high ground that Alloo & Jonnaloo are principally the food of the inhabitants and not rice.

Why the proportion of half a seer of each person?

This quantity is proposed on the belief that it might be difficult to procure more, in addition also to an apprehension that more might swallow two large a portion of one years revenue

and a conviction that ½ seer is adequate to keep a person from perishing by a actual Famine.

Why the preference of principal Villages over one for the whole Purgunnah?

The advantage of forming the Depots or Granaries in principal Villages consists much in the facility of laying in the Grain without subjecting the Villages to much expence and loss in transporting it, which would fall heavy it brought even from one Moolah to another of the Purgunnah also in the convenience again of examining it on the next year, and moreover in case of fire a general Granary would be wholly endangered & if plundered also wholly exposed, again it must be admitted a Granary for the whole Purganah at one spot, might be more easily protected and if the expense of 10 ₹ tt were allowed for the carriage & exchange this mode in preference might be perhaps effected.

What defence may be placed on the security of these Gra-naries for keeping the Grain and as it not to be suspected that on the actual oc-currence of famine the People may be

The experience of ages is sufficient testimony of their security and in respect to apprehension of depredations on the occurrence of famine from the people of the Country it must be remembered that the presence of a three years continuance of famine did not actuate the Natives hardly to one instance of violation of Public

be tempted by their necessity to pillage & rifle the same

or private Granaries though the misery of these poor People was often aggravated by knowing that an insecure lock or a slender wall or often only a few feet of unprotected earth intercepted them from the means of preservation, a deference to authority and property that we may admire or lament should have been so religiously inculcated or scrupulously observed by them.

Have these temporary Granaries any advantage over substantial buildings which though expensive at first are more durable?

Substantial Granaries are built at a heavy expense and numerous servants must be maintained for the care of them besides the danger of imposition and abuse on the issue of the Grain, and as they can only be built in a few places the distance the poor people will have to travel must interfere with their labour or the price be so encreased by the time it reaches them as to place it beyond their reach I believe also experience has shewn that by some imperfection in the building or want of attention to the airing it, the Grain has been frequently spoiled, and it is within remembrance even that Committees have been called to decide on the condemnation of large quantities of Grain that had been represented unfit for use though deposited in the best built Granaries in the

Country

Country Here it may be observed no Servants are required, the Contractor being at the expence of measuring it both on storing and delivery & being also responsible in case of any deficiency of quantity or of injury sustained to the quality.

The Company have but to direct it's disposal on a proper opportunity, and the Collector to receive the amount so no less but from the contingency of an enemy can possibly happen.

Does one general price for Grain prevail throughout the Country or do they differ?

The price will vary to a quarter or half Pagoda per Moulka Candy accord-ing to the situation populousness and fertility of the place, but as little or no exportation has ever taken place it may be supposed that the produce only is sufficient to the consumption of the peo-ple, which may insure a sale for it in any place the Store may be formed in, but here it may be observed that every day the Settlement is deferred the higher the first price will be.

Is it proper to store all the kinds of Grain?

No, the principal points to be adverted to are the provision of Grain that is the food of the Inhabitants & giving as much as may be, the preference

to

to those, that are best adopted for keeping

Can no dispute arise respecting the weights?

The people are so accustomed to buy and sell by these weights that it is thought not, and the forming the two Canjams almost secures it as the Collector can order the one lodged by him to be used at any occasion.

Suppose a difference in opinion of the quality of the Grain should arise how shall it be adjusted?

If these Contractors have reason to suspect that the objections arise from any private cause of resentment or indisposition to their interest a sample may be indiscriminately taken from the whole and subjected to the examination of four impartial persons in the presence of the Collector and compared with similar Grain selling in any of the neighbouring Bazars on the introduction of any plan that involves novelty among the natives, it is to be hoped they will not meet either an illiberal rigour in the performance of the conditions or be obstructed by any frivolous equivocation of the terms they engage under; but that fairness and Candour shall be a rule for their conduct.

Instead of taking

This would bring the business in

taking Moochil has from the Inhabitants — would it not be better to employ the renter and make him answerable for the whole on an additional per Centage being granted to him?

in perfect conformity with the present system of renting, yielding at the same time the security that there is now — given for the revenues of the Country in such case the renter may be responsible to the Company and the Sub-securities answerable to him and he then furnish the Collector with a register of the quantity and names of his sub security after the form &c No. 3

What is intended by taking security from the Village Servants?

Because it too frequently happens that they are the thieves themselves and it not being on the spot they have the best opportunity of keeping off such.

Are not places that are contiguous to the Hills in danger of depredation from those uncivilized people?

Unluckily they are too much — exposed to the attempts of those people, a circumstance that operates powerfully against Village Granaries, but as it would require numbers and the Purgunnah, is capable of resistence by its own Sibbendy when collected such attempts become the less likely more especially as the knowledge of the Grain belonging to the Company — they would be apprehensive of incurring in their own Country the — punishment the Company might choose to inflict on them for their

audacity

audacity.

What mode is proposed to be followed on the exchang of the Grain.

There are several modes one is by directing the Collector to sell any part that may be thought proper, and on the arrival of the next season with the produce by new Grain or by the Contracters replacing the old Grain with new in such a quantity as may be procurable when the new Grains are cut and beaten, or if it should be prefered the Company may deliver out three months before the harvest any quantity they wish to be exchanged on good Security being taken that an equal quantity of such descrip-tion of new Grain shall be laid in and then no allowance need be made for wastage or deficiency and the party must engage to lay in the full and exact quantity whatever change of price there may be.

In this there will be given such an advantage that I doubt not always exchanging the Grain without expence or loss to the Company.

In what way is proposed the payment of the amount of Grain?

If the Renter is made respon-sible he will settle with the Collector and his Sub securities again with him and as the Collector grants Certi-ficate

-ficate that such a quantity of Grain has been stored on account of the Honorable Company the amount and expences for constructing Granaries shall be admitted him in payment of his ensuing Kist and he being left to settle with those under him according to the Cabooleats that have been granted & in a similar way to that he has rented his Villages.

When shall the parties be deemed entitled to receive the allowance of exchanging the new Grain and security of the old.

The Grain purchased this year is agreed to be exchanged the next by the same people at 2½ Pagodas per Cent by which time it will be sufficiently shewn which is the more advantageous mode to be followed.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) S. Skinner
Assistt.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secry."

Register of No. of Persons Quality & Quantity of Grains & Price &c. with the Names of the Securities provided in the Carconda Purgunnah

	No. of Persons provided for	Quality of Grain	Quantity Potty	Cunjam	Price of a Malaka Potty Pag.	Fa.	C.	Total Price Pag.	F.	C.	Where stored	How secured	Amount for Constructing Granaries at 3 Pag. & 20 Fa. Candy			Pits at 12 Pag. per 20 In.			Names of the securities
Moonkapettah	823 Persons	Auloogaudaloo (Pa. Loty)	24	..	3	..	..	72	..	..	Moosary	In Granaries							Aurandoolah Soorapaurazu thawareddy Ramasawmy Isaty Puddamanabooloo Gopaury Puddmanaboodoo Caulapilly Venkanah Moottapoody Narriah Beetra Veerapah Daupary Raunegaroo & Anapierty neragmah Curnum & Inhabitants of Maliapilly Ramachendra rauze
		Paulacontaloo	80	..	3	..	..	240	..	..									
		Aukooloo	8	..	3	..	..	24	..	..			28	24	..	..	..	..	
		Yaradauloo	32	..	2	24	..	80	..	..									
		Natchene	20	..	2	24	..	50	..	..									
		Alloo	17	..	2	..	..	34	..	..									
	471 Do.	Goomazaraloo & Caualreeauloo	24	..	2	24	..	60	..	..			15	3	6				
		Aloogadauloo & Aukooloo	70	..	3	..	..	210	..	..									
		Natchenie	12	..	2	24	..	30	..	..									
	280 Do.	Muloogadaloo, Aukooloo, Gangagalaloo	47	..	3	..	..	141	..	..			7	24					
	Total 1574		334	..				941					51	36	..				
Gollas & Jangalpettah		Gungaghelaloo	200	..	3	..	..	600	..	..	Carconda	In Granaries							Booderauzoo Ayaparauze Pendinty Pannakaloo Papoopoolaty Condapah & Veeravencatashra
	2541 Persons	Roopoonarayanaloo	140		3	..	..	420	..										
		Paulacantaloo	80	..	3	..	..	240	..				72	..	..	..	..		
		Jauradauloo	60	..	2	24	..	150	..										
			480	..				1410	..	..			72	..	..				
	295 Do.	Yaradauloo	20	..	2	24	..	50	..	..	Chinnacondapoody								Valadamalla Venkanah Candra Chaundry Vockle yendrah aukany Vencatarolaty Treppputty Curnums & Inhabitants Chinnaconda Poozmoga ladasolroyloo Cuntom Oppiah Yenguntyalecherauze Nalla Darmiah Inhabitant of Ralapoorum Vundamalla Caumoodoo Paupoodoo Manchery Bawtoanah Gooram Venkiah Coopoopoody Venkiah Sauraney Caumoodoo and Inhabitants Raupaka & Baupanampollum
		Jelamaloo	10	..	2	24	..	25	..	..									
		Junnaloo	30	..	3	36	..	112	24	..		In Granaries							
		Alloo	6	50	2	..	..	12	24	..			5	12					
	323 Do.	Junnaloo	58	..	3	36	..	217	24	..									
		Jalamaloo	5	..	2	24		12	24	..		In Pits	..	..	..	2	12	..	
		Yaradauloo	10	..	2	24		25	..	..		Do.	..	..	..	4	24	..	
	71 Persons	Palamtaloo	10	..	3	..		30	..	..		In Gra.	2	12	..				
		Junnaloo	6	..	3	36	..	22	24	..		Do.	1	24	..				
												In Pits	..	..	..		18	..	
	369 Persons	Jonnaloo	83	..	3	36	..	311	12	..	Cataaram	In Pits	..	..	..	6	12	..	Rentalah Herdiah Chulla Mallah Bawaniah Anmancha Venkiah
			238	50				818	36				9	..	..	13	18	..	
		The whole Purgunnah																	
	4773 Do.		1152	50	..	..		3169	36	..			132	36	..	13	18	..	N.B. Their quantity may

may be considerably increased in event of such being desired.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) S Skinner
Assist.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

From Verupatchee Poligar

Your orders are that I am not to assist the disobedient. I am acting to my promises. My enemies will accuse me falsely.

Comarsuaddy Luchia Naique is not my relation not my man neither is he my neighbour what have I to do with him. I will never assist the disobedient by your favor I can live quiet. what good will his friendship do to me. I am not the man so to act. I know not Mofoly Naique neither him nor his fore relations ever came to me.

The present Poligar Luchia Naique sent me betelnut on account of his marriage but I did not send my people. that is all. I have no concern with Luchia Naique nor will I assist him.

My enemies before said you to join was with me but on enquiry you find it was not true. As you are just enquire into every thing properly and you will understand

24 October }
1797 }

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Circular Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to inform you that Government have desired the most positive injunctions may be repeated to each Collector never to fail in the regular transmission of the monthly Estimate.

To render this Statement more complete, you will whenever there may be any expected deficiency of receipt compared with the Kistbundy, assign the reasons for it. Copy of this letter will be transmitted to the Accountant, and he will be directed to report with the most scrupulous attention every deviation from it.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
27th October 1797

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

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Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th Ultimo reporting the death of Appaujee Goundan Poligar of Comby, and to transmit for your information and guidance Copy of the Board's letter to Government on this subject, & Extract from the Right Honorable President's reply.

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I am &c.
(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Fort St. George
27th October 1797

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord

We have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter from Mr. Hurdis reporting the death of Appsaugee Gour Poligar of Comby and suggesting during the minority of his infant son that the Pollam should be managed by the Circar, and the family of the Poligar removed to Dindigul.

This measure might we fear be construed by the family into a resumption of the Pollam and excite distrust among the other Poligars in that District, regarding the succession to their privileges. We therefore recommend that as usual in such cases the son be invested and a Person appointed, with the approbation of the Acting Collector, on the part and behalf of the Minor, to act under such regulations as Mr. Hurdis may form from time to time for the improvement of the Pollam, and the regular discharge of the Company's Kists, the party to enter into a Moochelka binding himself to be accountable for his conduct and management to the Circar, at the same time we would direct Mr. Hurdis

to pay every attention to the education of the minor, and see that some person of character be appointed for that purpose and to reside with the family in the Pollam.

We have &ca

Fort St. George }
9th October 1797 }

(signed) Edwd Saunders
&ca Members

Extract of a letter from Government dated 21st October 1797

We entirely approve the arrangement, which you have suggested for the minor Poligar of Comby, and think that the appearance of interference in the right of the Poligar cannot be too cautiously avoided in the present circumstances of the Dindigul Province.

(A true Extract)

(signed) J. B. Travers
Depy Secretary

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Having purchased a Compound of John Wrangham Esqr (late Collector in this Distt) situated within the walls of the Pettah, with a small dwelling house, & Godowns belonging to it as described in the Plan accompanying & having since erected a Bungalow on the Premises I have to request that you will be so good as to communicate the same to the

Right

Right Honorable Hobart President in Council, in order to obtain a Grant for the same, & the annual Quit Rent, stipulated

I have &ca.

Dindigul }
28th October 1797 }

(Signed) John King
Surgeon Dindigul

From Verupatchee Poligar dated 28th October 1797

I am sensible of the orders contained in the letter I have already answered your questions truly without concealment and again I say I have never seen Moplynaique and the four people nor do I know them but ten people were to present me betel nut on account of the marriage of the present Luckianaique but I sent not my man to the marriage I do not know even what colour Moply naique is whether black or white

I never persuaded Moply naique to leave Comarawaddy nor should ever any people come to me from Comarawaddy about it. Is it in my power to establish the old Luckianaique in his Pollam will you or your Poligars hear my word & do that business. My enemies have accused me to you if you enquire strictly you will easily see whether I am a bad man or a good man

Within these last three months I have never seen old Luckianaique nor has he been here nor could my people give any refuge without informing me such people I should not keep.

Poojaury Naique Munjal Tavan Shilivar pettah I never will assist I am staying in my own boundary making which I

will

will not go nor will I give any assistance without them.

I well understand I shall be in fault if I assist any of the disobedient. The promise I made before you I will abide by and I have hopes that the confidence you gave me will answer my case.

To Mr. J B Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Court Martial for the trial of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver having been ordered to assemble at Trichinopoly on the 20th Instant, the Right Honorable the President in Council desired that the evidence you have collected may be sent off in time to admit of their arrival at Trichinopoly a few days previous to the meeting of the Court. The original papers mentioned in your letter of the 25th Ultimo you will immediately forward to Captain Limirick the Deputy Judge Advocate South of the Coleroon.

I am &ca.

(Signed) G Parry
Sub Secy.

Fort St. George
1st November 1797

To J B Hurdis Esqre.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

In my letter of the 31st August you were directed to raise a Head of
"Assumed Pollams"
in the Treasury Account commencing 11th July 1797

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more particularly to shew the Collections on that account, from those Talooks which were considered Circar Lands at the time the Dindigul District was ceded to Company.

In the same letter I also stated objections to the Demand Collection & Balance you had adopted, and transmitted a form which I thought would remove the inconvenience attending it and bring the whole of your Collections under one view, properly distinguished.

I am concerned however to perceive by the July & August Treasury Accounts, that the distinction I had ordered to be preserved in them of "Assumed Pollams" is not made, and that you would seem to state difficulties in complying with the form of D C & B, in your letter to Mr. Lushington. But since the distinction above alluded to for the Treasury Account is absolutely necessary, and as I am well convinced, the form of D C & B sent you, is strictly according to the rules prescribed, that it is easily to be conformed to has before been observed by your predecessors in Office, and is now generally in use with other Collectors, I cannot think of departing from my orders of the 31st August, & therefore return the July and August Treasury accounts, with those of D C & B to September, for alteration.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
3d November 1797 }

(Signed) Geo Read
A R B

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Sir

Your letter of the 2d Ultimo with its enclosure recommending the assumption of the Aumenaiguum Pollam, having been submitted to Government, I am directed to transmit for your information & guidance, extract from the Board's letter to Government and of the Right Honorable President's reply

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
3d November 1797

(signed) S Lushington
Secretary

Extract of a letter to Government Dated 19th Octr. 1797

We have the honor to submit a letter from Mr. Hurdis recommending the assumption of the Ammenaiguum Pollam, in consequence of the failure of the Poligar and his disobedience to the Collector's orders, for preventing the incursion of the Colleries whose depredations, he would appear to have encouraged. Had there been any opening for forbearance, the frequent sequestrations lately made in the Dindigul Province, would have induced us to recommend some further indulgence to this Poligar, but his conduct in making a shew of resistence to the Circar orders, by strengthening his place of residence and uniting himself with dispossessed Poligars, compels us to propose Mr. Hurdis may be authorized to take possession of the Pollam. In such case, we shall desire the Collector to inform the Poligar a pension will be allowed for the maintenance of himself and family, provided no opposition be made to the Circar's orders.

Extract of a letter from Government Dated

28 October 1797

We are concerned at the necessity, which the Acting Collector of Dindigul has stated for assuming the Aumenaiguum Polliam; but, in consequence of the circumstances represented by Mr. Hurdis, of the Poligars misconduct: "that he is the most tardy of all the Poligars in the "payment of his Kists, the last in good conduct, and the first in disobedience;" and that longer to delay the assumption, will but increase the debt to the Circar, we do not hesitate to comply with your recommendation for the assumption of the Pollam, and approve the orders you propose issuing for allowing him a pension, provided he do not resist the orders of Government

(True Extracts)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secrety.

To Mr. J B Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to desire that the undermentioned persons may be sent to Trichinopoly, in addition to the evidences you have already collected.

Mootliah Moodely formerly Sumprety at Pylney was employed as a Tahsildar, by Umachellum, Lieutenant – Colonel Oliver's Dubash, in the Pollam of Yerryadoo.

Maurya … Sherwagar

Should you not be able to send Mootliah Moodely, in time to be present at the Court Martial: you will immediately forward

to Captain Lemerick the Original Declaration delivered by him to the late Collector, Mr. Wynch, under date the 22d January 1796, which it is presumed you will find amongst the records of your Cutcherry.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
4th November 1797

(Signed) Geo Parry
Sub Secrety.

To Thomas Boyer Hurdis Esqre.
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

I have just been honored with yours of the 2d. Instant, and lose no time in acquainting you, that I am strictly prohibited from drawing on the Paymaster General beyond the amount of my monthly Estimates, and that having by order of Government been desired to apply to Mr. Marten for Cash as far as he can supply me, I am in expectation of being furnished with all I may require for the Current Month; if however this is not in his power I may receive the Cash you propose to the amount Deficient in his supply, and pass you Bills accordingly, and the moment I hear from time, shall write to you further. At all events I shall be ready in December to pass Bills for such sums as you may have to advance to me.

I have &ca.

Madura
4th November 1797

(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqre.
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

I now have it in my power to acquaint you that

that Mr Marten has apprised me, that he shall be able to furnish me with the whole of my Indent for this month, as I think it probable his supplies to me from the Subscription loan will not be equal to my Demands of December, I may then be at liberty to receive from you such sums as you may be able to afford.

I have &ca

Madras
5th November 1797

(signed) Robt Hughes
Paymaster

To T. B. Hurdis Esqre
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

It has been represented to me by Comara Luchianaique the Poligar of Cunnarawaddy that the Inhabitants of Harawalputty Village attached to the Ayaloor Pollam of Dindigul having some time last year prevented his inhabitants of Heerinare Village from cultivating the grounds of Padawaddy (a petty Village attached to Heeranare) through the instigations of the Tahsildar of Ayaloor that he had complained of it to Mr Powney who having written to you on the subject that you had assembled the inhabitants of both parties, investigated their disputes and consequently that you had desired his inhabitants to carry on the cultivation and had rebuked the Tahsildar & inhabitants of Ayaloor for their improper interference in the cultivation of the Podawaddy grounds That his inhabitants had accordingly cultivated it last year that having begun to cultivate this year, they were again prevented by the interference of the Harawalputty Inhabitants and that a great part of the Podawaddy grounds remain

uncultivated and the season passing away to their sorrow. Also, that the inhabitants of Karawalputty have lately been beating the Shepherds of Keerinore for having brought their cattle to graze in Podowaldy, after having scattered them, and deprived the Shep-herds of their Cloths and Comblys.

I have also received a representation from Mootliah naigue Polygar of Cadawoor that Nagamootoo naigue an inhabitant of Shookanputty Pollam of Dindigul having prevented the culti-vation of the grounds belonging to Ceenpareh attach-ed to Cadawoor that he had represented the matter to Mr. Powney who having written to Mr. Wynch on the subject, that he had investigated the dispute, and put a stop to the interference of Nagamootoo Naig since which period he remained quiet but that he has now by the support & insti-gation of the Tahsildar of that Pollam, renewed his troubles interfering in the cultivation of the grounds belonging to Ceenpareh.

I have also received a representation from the Ramgherry Poligar, acquainting me that the borders of Palaputty Village of his Pollam & that of Bodepooram Village of Dindi-gul are separated by a River called Cada-vanaur that to the east of the River is situa-ted the border of Pullaputty and to the west the Boodepoorum that the cattle belonging to the inhabitants of Palaputty (of Ramgherry) having grazed towards the eastward of the River that the inhabitants of Boothe-poorum had declared that those grounds did also belong to them, and that the cattle of Palaputty must not graze there in future, if it

it should that they would drive them to Dindigul, since which that the people of Boodipoorum have assembled in great number at the spot in dispute armed & threatening to remove the stone which is fixed at Palapetty to evince the boundary of Ramgherry consequently that an adequate number of his people are also assembled to oppose them &ca. That a similar contention having happened some time in the year 1795 that it was represented to Mr. Powney who had written to Mr. Wynch on the subject, the result of which had put a stop to their pretences & that they have been hitherto quiet.

I request the favor of you to enquire into these matters.

Ramnad
5th November 1797

I have &ca.
(signed) W. C. Jackson

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am favored with your letter dated 27th October covering a list of Balances on the 12th July last, and Statements No. 1 & 2 with the Poligars whose Pollams have been assumed, and these I am happy to perceive throw sufficient light upon the subject, and will I think enable me to remove the difficulty you at present find in complying with the Demand, Collection & Balance.

Had the proposed form been observed in Fusly 1206, the surplus Collections from the Assumed Pollams must of course have been applied in liquidation of the general Balances but this not being done, the only remedy now

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left of bringing the future D C & B into regularity, & in order to obtain a correct Statement of the Balances outstanding 12th July /97 which under the above circumstance the list of Balances you have furnished does not at present contain, I have particularly to request that a complete D C & B, be drawn up for 1206 according to the form sent you In which you will be pleased to state, the peishcush before payable in the assumed Pollams, as the demand from thence and whatever may be the Nett Collections above that sum, I would wish to have them sett off against the Balances of former years. The Statement No. 2 you have forwarded seems to contain very necessary information with respect to the Pollams in question, and nothing remains but to bring the whole into one complete view which would shew the success of your management and might be effected with very little trouble.

I am well aware the above adjustment for the Assumed Pollams, can only be made at the close of the Fusly when the total collections have been ascertained, but should the Collections within any of the intermediate Months exceed the Current Kists, and surplus can be always noted in red Ink in the Column of Balances of Current Revenue and deducted from the Grand Total to shew the sum outstanding.

It would certainly be desirable, as relieving you & myself from some detail, to know whether it be the determination of Government to hold any of the Pollams besides those of Putney & Mambarra protempore or in perpetuity The Balance due from those that are declared forfeit for ever, should in

in my opinion be struck out altogether, and their future produce added to that of the Circar Lands but without specific instructions from the Board this cannot be permitted nor from myself directed.

The Column to express "Total Balance" which you say is not in the form, must have been omitted by mistake and I will therefore thank you to add it.

With respect to Advances Cultivation you are to insert in the Column of Demand 1206 the actual sum outstanding at the commencement of the year, and such sums as are afterwards advanced will belong to the Current Column of 1207. It then consequently follows that all recoveries must be entered, to find the Balance due at the end of each month.

The sums collected under the items of Extra Revenue and Batta will always constitute the Demand such is the case where Countries are retained in Aumanie unless by particular order the amount of the Collector's Estimate be taken.

I am concerned you should think me willing to impose additional & unnecessary labour. This you say would be occasioned by adding to the D C & B the amount gained by Batta and you are further pleased to state you cannot "observe any regularity" in the transmission of that document if its insertion be insisted on.

For my own justification it becomes necessary to explain that part of my directions which would seem to cause such perplexity in your accounts, & permit me to observe that, since you allow the calculation will occupy

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but three days & find it impossible to despatch the D C & B by the time required in the Regulations / the 5th / I feel no hesitation in saying there is amply sufficient time from the last day of the month even to the day so specified and while the account is copying fair to calculate the Batta gained upon the Collections of the month preceding.

Mr. Place had no doubt in view by his orders to the Collector in the Barramahl a desire to preserve the necessary perspecuity in each particular branch of Revenue, and I should hope to be guided also by the same motive; but by his having given Col. Read permission to raise the head of "Licences" may not perhaps so well apply to your charge for by Licences the Regulations mean an exclusive liberty granted certain individuals to vend Arrack, Toddy and Spirits, as well as to have the privilege of selling bettle beetle nuts & the like Chillaraivari according to the strict sense of the word is no more than "Sundry Assessments" originating from causes frequently too trifling to need distinction and detail in accounts & they seem to me not improperly belonging to Land Revenue, where they do not proceed (as I suppose they cannot but seldom at Dindigul) from

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the source already explained of Licences

I hope after what is stated, you will make an attempt to bring the D C & B into proper form. That you adopt, is, I must hear repeat very inconvenient, & altogether of no use, as comprizing merely the Balance due at the beginning of the Month and the Collections within it, instead of the amount of the former outstanding at the commencement of the Fusly year. The Revenue falling due from the same period and the progressive Collections.

One Demand C & B in the new form from the 13th July to 30th September will sufficiently answer my purpose, & I am hopeful your exertions will not be wanting to complete it soon.

I am &ca

Fort St George
6th November 1797

(Signed) Geo Read
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Revenue Department

To Mr Thos B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Board desire you will transmit, so soon as possible, your Annual Report for 1206 Fusly intimating by return of Tappal when the Board may expect to receive it.

I am &ca

Fort St George
6 November 1797

(Signed) J Lewshington
Secretary

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(Circular) Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Board desire you will particularly report, what measures have been taken in your Districts, in consequence of their orders of the 18th September 1795, accompanying a Plan for increasing and improving the Breed of Sheep.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
8 November 1797

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secy.

Revenue Department

To Mr. Thomas B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Your letter of the 21st Ultimo having been submitted to Government, I am directed by the Board to transmit you Extract of their letter and the reply under date 4th Instant, and by which you will perceive, they sanction the assumption of the Maranoot Pollam under the particular circumstances you have stated.

As you omitted to forward the documents on which you grounded your proceedings and the Proofs of the Poligar's guilt, you will be pleased to

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transmit them without delay, and you will observe it as a rule in future, to forward this Information with your first Report.

I am &c.

Fort St. George
11th November 1797

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Extract of a letter to Government 27th October 1797

We enclose a letter from Mr. Hurdis, reporting the unhappy circumstances which have compelled his assumption of the Maranoot Pollam. It appears the Acting Collector summoned the Poligar to his Cutcherry to receive the summed for the current year, but that instead of obeying the order, he fled, from fear of the Consequences which awaited the discovery of the Crime he had committed, the murder of his Shervogar. It seems also when the younger brother of the shervogar reproached him for his cruelty he was confined, and is reported to have been murdered.

Though we must regret the necessity of further assumptions in the Dindigul Province yet the peculiar circumstances of the case seem to have warranted the Acting Collector in taking upon himself the measure adopted, and we trust the immediate example will have a good effect among the Poligars.

We therefore beg leave to submit to

your

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your Lordship's approval the assumption of the Pollam, and the Acting Collector will be required to transmit without delay the proceedings proving the guilt of the Poligar.

Extract of a letter from Government Dated 4th November 1797

Although the assumption of a Pollam or Zemindary by a Collector without a previous reference to your Board for permission, is a dangerous deviation from the Regulations prescribed for the Conduct of Collectors, yet, in consideration of the peculiar circumstances of the case, we acquiesce in Mr. Hurdis's assumption of the Maranoot Pollam.

(True Extracts)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secrety.

Revenue Department

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir Accompanying you will receive the Dindigul Military Correspondence for January February October and December 1795 and for January February and March 1796 when they are returned by Mr. Wynch you will consider them a part of the records of your Cutcherry Copies having been taken for the use of this Office.

I am &c.

Fort St. George
12 November 1797

(signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

To T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

My absence from Ramnad on the public service must plead my excuse for not giving an earlier reply to your letter of the 16 Instant.

I am sorry that any of the people under me should have gone into the Pollam of Gunteeporaignoor without your previous permission. You may be sure that they had no orders from me to act with any disrespect towards your authority. I can attribute it only to a zealous desire on the part of the Tahsildar of Saupatoor to distress the late Poligar of that Pollam as much as possible. He shall have directions from me to avoid all such acts in future.

As the late Poligar of Saupatour is largely in arrear to the Company, I am to desire you will be pleased to give orders that the cattle &ca. be sent to me, for the purpose of being sold and the amount written off against his balance.

I am &ca.

Ramnad
21 November 1797

(signed) W. C. Jackson

To J. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I have received your letter with enclosure & have signed the receipt agreeable to your desire. The Papers will be delivered to Captain Limerick & shall inform him of your wish to have them returned as soon as the Court Martial is over

Trichinopoly
21st November 1797

I am &ca.
(Signed) George Wynch

Duplicate
List of Papers

No.
1 Military Correspondence for the Month of January 1795 containing 2 Sheets–
2 Do. for the Month of February 1795 containing two sheets–
3 Do. for the Month of October 1795 containing two sheets–
4 Do. for the Month of December 1795 containing 6½ sheets–
5 Do. for the Month of January 1796 containing 11½ Sheets–
6 Do. for the Month of February 1796 containing 4 Sheets–
7 Do. for the Month of March 1796 containing 2 Sheets–

Trichinopoly
21st November 1797

Received as above written
(Signed) George Wynch

Revenue Department

To Mr. T B Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant.

Before the Board submit to Government your suggestion respecting the Madura Cawelly they desire you to call upon the Ammenaigum Poligar for a particular representation of his case and whatever he has to urge in excuse for non payment thereof. You will allow him a certain time to deliver this into you, intimating, that if it be delayed beyond the period prescribed, the order for assuming his country will be forthwith executed.

I am &ca
(Signed) S Lushington
Secretary

Fort St. George
23rd November 1797

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir
I have to beg information from you as early as possible, whether you will be able to afford me about 4500 Pagodas on the 1st December for the Payments to the troops in your District for that Month.

I have to beg the favor, that you will

will furnish me in future, with an authen-
-ticated Invoice of the advances which —
you may make me from time to time, in order
that it may accompany my accounts to
the Presidency.

I have &c.a
Madura } (Signed) Robt. Hughes
24th November 1797 } Paymaster

To J. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir
I am favored with your letter
of the 25th Instant.

Arnachellum a Cutcherry
Hurcarah set off for Sholavandan this
day he will receive and pass a receipt
for such Articles as you may direct to
be delivered over to him.

Ramnad } I have &c.a
29th November 1797 } (Signed) W. C. Jackson

Revenue Department
To Mr. J. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir
Mr. Jackson having proposed the
introducing the Coimbatore Breed of sheep,
for the improvement of those in his District,
The Board desire you will on his applying

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to you, use your endeavours to procure the supply he may require drawing upon him for the amount.

I am, &ca.

Fort St. George
4th December 1797

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir Not having to this time received Accounts Current with the renters and Poligars of your Collectorship for Fusly 1206 drawn out and attested in the Native language as prescribed by Regulations, — although I requested you under date 23rd July/97 to transmit the accounts "required to be furnished by the 46th Article at the close of each Fusly," I think it necessary to appraize you I shall be compelled to report the want of these accounts to the Board unless they are speedily furnished or satisfactory reasons assigned for the — delay to be submitted to their consideration.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
5th December 1797

(Signed) Geo Read
A. R. B.

Revenue Department

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis
Ag. Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Sir

I am directed by the Board to enclose you Extract of a letter from Government communicating their resolution regarding the future purchase of Cochineal, which you will publish throughout your District.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
11th December 1797

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secry.

Extract of a letter from Government Dated 2d. December 1797

Under the public encouragement which has been held out for the collection of Cochineal, we should not be warranted in refusing the purchase whatever quantity of that article may have been tendered for sale, we desire therefore that the whole quantity which has been tendered may be brought at the established rate after it may have undergone the inspection of Doctor Berry but in consideration of the large quantity which has already been purchased and of the uncertainty of its meeting the approbation of the Court of Directors we desire that after the 15th January next the price may be

be limitted to two Rupees per pound for the best, and one Rupee per pound for the 2d sort of Cochineal and that the different Collec=
=tors may be instructed to give public notice of this reduction.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy Secry

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqre
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

I have the pleasure to advise that early next Month I may require from four thousand to four thousand five hundred for my Disbursements of the Dindigul District which I trust you will be able to provide me with.

I have &ca

Madura
21st December 1797

(Signed) Robt Hughes
Paymaster

Revenue Department

T. B. Hurdis Esqre
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Extract of the order of the Honorable Court of Directors for ob=
=taining information for the historiographer

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& to desire that such Communication as you may offer may form a separate addrefs your attention to the interesting subjects therein noticed is particularly requested but not in such manner as to affect your duties.

You will also receive Copy of a letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe signifying that allowance hitherto granted to the junior part of the service for Moonshees will be discontinued from the 1st of January next and that a compensation of 1000 Pagodas will be granted to such of the Company Servants as may qualify themselves to transact businefs and to conduct a correspondence in any of the Country languages without the aid of a Native.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
23d December 1797

(signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secry.

Public Department

To Edward Saunders Esqr.
President & Members of the Bd. of Revenue

Gentlemen

I am directed to furnish you with the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors for obtaining information for their historiographer and to desire that it may be transmitted

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to the Subordinate Officers of your department such communications as you may in consequence receive together with such observations as you may be induced to make upon this interesting subject are to be separately laid before the President in Council for transmission to the Honorable Court.

I have &c.

Fort St. George } (Signed) J. Webbe
16th December 1797 } Secry to Govt.

Extract of a General letter from England in the Public Department dated 9 May 1797.

Para 73 In order to enable the Companys historiographer complete a general history of the British affairs in East Indies and as we mean that the plan of such work should comprehend the history of India and such part of that of China as is connected with our trade and also the progress of our trade in general we direct that such of our Servants as may be in situations to promote this public work be instructed to transmit to you for the purpose of being forwarded to us such information on the Chronology Geography Government laws Political revolutions the progressive stages of the useful arts manufactures and sciences and of the fine arts particularly on

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the former and present state of internal and foreign trade as they may be in stations to afford or may from time to time be able to collect.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) A Falconer
Sub Secretary

(True Copy)

(signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secrety.

Revenue Department

Edward Saunders Esqre. President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I am directed to acquaint you that in consequence of the Orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors the President in Council has resolved to abolish from the 1st January the allowance either granted the junior part of the Service for Moonshees and at the same time to apprize you that his Lordship in Council authorized by the Honorable Court to grant a compensation of a thousand Pagodas to such of this Company's Servants as may qualify themselves to transact business and to conduct a correspondence in any of the Country languages without the aid of a native

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I have &c.

Fort St. George
16th December 1797

(signed) J. Webbe
Secrety to Governmt.

True Copy (J. B. Travers
Depy. Secrety

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that I purpose being at Madura on the 1st of next Month, and that I shall be happy to meet you there, if the circumstances now exist which induced you some months ago to suggest the utility of our consulting with each other at that place, on points relative to the public Service.

Ramnad
25th December 1797

I have &ca.
(signed) W. C. Jackson

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed by the Board to inclose for your Information and guidance a Copy of a letter from Government under date 27th Ultimo relative to the Military Paymasters

being

being furnished with money in sufficient time to close their monthly accounts by the time prescribed.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
2nd January 1798

(signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secry.

Public Department

To Edward Saunders Esqre.
President & Members of the Bd. of Revt.

Gentlemen

As it is of importance to the regularity of Accounts in the Office of Military Audit that the Paymasters should be furnished with money in sufficient time to close their monthly Accounts at the time prescribed for transmission to the Presidency I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to desire that directions may be issued to the Collectors particularly in the Northern Circars to be as prompt as possible in their Compliance with indents for military disbursements.

I have &ca.

Fort St. George
27th December 1797

(signed) Josiah Webbe
Secry. to Governmt.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secry.

To T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I was last night favored with your letter of the 2nd Instant, in reply to mine of the 25th Ultimo.

It is my intention to leave Madura the day after tomorrow, my presence being very much required in the Ramnad District, &

and as the time is so short, I cannot now expect to have the pleasure of seeing you at this place.

The frequent representations that were made to me by the Manapara Polygars, of encroachments on the part of certain of the Poligars dependent upon Dindigul, induced me some time ago to order the Abkar Naveez at Manapara to proceed to the different Pollams where the disputes were said to exist, and to ascertain by enquiries on the spot how far the complaints were well founded. I have the honor to enclose copy of his report, with copies of all the papers to which it refers, and am to request you will be pleased (so soon as you have sufficient time) to investigate the subject, and to take such steps as may seem to you most proper for putting an end to all disputes. You may at all times rely upon my most strenuous exertions to prevent the Poligars under me from giving any Offence and I am sure the same disposition is in you to keep the Poligars under your authority from acting in an improper manner.

Having done every thing in my power to get at the truth, I now refer this whole to you. The report of the Manapara Abkar Naveez seems to me sufficiently explicit to enable you to determine upon all the cases under reference.

I shall be glad to hear from you when convenient on the foregoing subject.

I have &ca.

Madura }
4th January 1798 }

(signed) W. C. Jackson

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Enclosed Extract from the Boards Proceedings of the 11th Instant, respecting the two modes of renting the Customs, or managing them by Aumanie is transmitted for your Consideration, and the Board desire to receive your remarks upon it as soon as possible.

Fort St. George }
16th January 1798 }

I am &ca.
(signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secrety.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 11th January 1798.

The Board in their general instructions of the 8th of November 1794 to the Collectors in the Northern Circars desired it might be adopted as a principle not to farm the duties but to retain them under the Company's immediate management conceiving it the most probable means of meliorating if not of putting a stop to the various oppressions and grievances that had prevailed in the Collection of the inland Customs and intimated that they must rely on the best exertions of the Collectors for establishing proper regulations and Checks on the Conduct of the Native Officers employed in this Department.

Several of the Collectors whose opinions are entitled to much Consideration having at different times offered their sentiments against the adoption of this principle, the Board think necessary to Compare them with the motives which influenced them in prescribing it and to desire the opinions of all the Collectors upon the arguments that may be stated in support of, and against the Aumanee System.

Frequent

Frequent instances had occurred of unjust exaction and vexatious delay on the part of renters in the Collection of the Sayer which Collectors were obliged in some degree to wink at, from apprehension of losing a part of the rent if the former were not fully supported, from these irregularities the Commerce of the Country was greatly injured, and rather then suffer the continuance of so great an evil, it was judged prudent to hazard the sacrifice of a small part of the Sayer Revenue by placing it under Aumanie. For though the Collector should be unable entirely to prevent the misconduct of his servants it was thought if they derived undue advantage, it would rather be for relinquishing them by too rigorously insisting on, the utmost due of Government whereby the trade of the Country would virtually be encouraged. It was also considered that Sayer have less opportunity than other Aumanie Servants to pilfer and that a vigilant Collector would be able to establish such checks as would prevent imposition of any magnitude.

On the other hand it has been very forcibly urged that from the number and dispersed situations of the Chockies the variety of articles on which customs are levied — the great number of Servants required to be employed a Collector cannot without devoting too great a share of his time to this one object, form an efficient Controul over them, that the Inhabitants fear to complain to the Collector of his Servants as in fact complaining against the Circar and that they arrogate to themselves an authority to oppress and retain by their menaces the Complaints of those they injure at the same time that the

public

public Revenue is embezzled. Whereas if there be a renter the people are always forward to complain if they believe the Collector will enquire into and redress their grievances, that he cannot use the Circars name as a cover for oppression and pays a stipulated rent which ascertain to the Circar a much higher Revenue than is obtained under Aumanie consequently that by the latter system there is a sacrifice of revenue without effecting the object desired.

As it is the anxious wish of the Board while Inland duties continue to be levied, that their Collection should be rendered as little oppression as possible — Agreed that Copy of the foregoing be sent to all the Collectors and that they be desired to afford their sentiments without delay on the two modes of rent and aumanie.

/True Extract/

/signed/ J. B. Travers
Depy. Secrety.

To
Thomas Bowyer Hurdis
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

I request information from you as early as possible of the sum which you will be able conveniently to advance towards the disbursements of my Office for the ensuing Month.

I have &ca.

Madura
23d January 1798

/signed/ Robt. Hughes
Paymaster

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

In reply to yours of the 27th. I have to mention, that I fully authorise the Receipts of

of Calastry the Public Agent Officiating for me at Dindigul, as my own, until they are redeemed by Bills on the Military Paymaster General.

Certain that the transmission of those Bills has rarely exceeded the 5th of the month I can only say, that I regret any delays which may have inconvenienced you, and that I shall most assuredly draw them out and transmit them hereafter to Dindigul the very instant that I am able; tho it seems not in the least improbable, from the certainty of their leaving this early in the month, that your own frequent calls into the District, and possession of the Agents Receipts, may have occasioned a detention of the Bills, that it would be easy to rectify.

For whatever personal accommodation or assistance you have hitherto afforded when the exegincies of the month exceeded in a trifle, what could be immediately answered by my treasury at Dindigul, you have my thanks, and according to your desire Application shall in future invariably be made to you from myself for all supplies whatever.

I have &ca.

Madura
29th January 1798

(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster

To T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I was this morning favored with your letter of the 21st Ultimo Enclosed is a Takeed to the Nuttum Poligar, directing him to restore the Cattle to the rightful Owner a Copy of the Takeed is also enclosed for your information.

I have &ca.

Ramnad
3rd February 1798

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

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To The Polygar of Nuttum

I enclose Copy of a paper which has been sent to me by the Acting Collector at Dindigul, on the receipt of this Takeed you will not lose a moment in giving orders that the cattle be restored to the rightful.

(signed) W. C. Jackson

Ramnad
3rd February
1798

(A true Copy)

J. Balfour
Asst. Collector

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis Esqre
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Your report upon the disputed lands of Tavarem, Bodinaique, and Comby, having been submitted to Government, I am directed to transmit for your information and guidance, Copy of the Board's letter to Government, & Extract from the Right Honorable President's reply.

I am &ca
(signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Fort St. George
11th February 1798.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship the accompanying report from Mr. Hurdis upon certain lands in dispute between the Poligars of Comby & Taveram and between Comby and Bodinaique.

The circumspection with which the Acting Collector entered upon the investigation in taking the Muchelkas of the parties to abide by his decision, the energy & ability with which he has executed it, claims our particular approbation, and

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upon the documents transmitted we do not hesitate to offer it as our opinion, that the decision of Mr. Hurdis should be confirmed, we therefore beg leave to recommend that he be authorized to mark the boundaries of the Paveram, Bodinaigue and Comby Pollams according-ly, resuming the encroachments which appear to have been made on the Circar Villages.

We have also much satisfaction in pointing out to your Lordship, that Mr. Hurdis has completed the agricul-tural Survey of five of the Pollams, that he has effected a Settlement with the in-habitants in three of those that have been assumed, as well as in great of the Circar Lands, that his Jummabundy in the present is much higher than in the last year, and that the season has been since the beginning of November remarkably dry and unfavorable the Ryots seem Contented and the Kists are regularly paid. When the more detailed report he has pro-mised is received, we shall have the honor of submitting it with our remarks for your Lord-ships Consideration.

Fort St. George
29th January 1798

We have &c.
(signed) Edward Saunders
&c. Members

(True Copy)
(signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secrety.

Extract of a letter from Government Dated 3d. February 1798.

We are happy to observe, that the Acting Collector of Dindigul has acquitted himself so much to your satisfaction, by his report upon the disputed lands of certain Pollams; and we desire, that he may be

authorized

authorized to mark the boundaries of the Iavaram, Boodinaique, and Comby Pollams, resuming the encroachments which may satisfactorily appear to have been made upon the Circar Villages.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secry.

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

(Circar) Government having directed an arrangement to take place regarding the pay of Coolies &ca. in the Company's Territories I am directed by the Board to forward you Copy of their orders and to refer you to the correspondence that has passed on the subject they desire you will in consequence take immediate measures for carrying into effect such part of the regulations transmitted under date the 22d. January 1796, as may depend on your establishing the rates of hire agreeable to the enclosed table taken from the informations furnished from your stations and as soon as your arrangement are sufficiently advanced you will report the same to the Board that the necessary notification may be made by Government to Travellers and the Military, should any difficulties occur in carrying their orders into execution or if you can propose any amendment you will of course address the Board on the subject.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
17th. February 1798

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secrty.

Extract of a letter from Government dated 6th. January 1798.

Having

Having revised the correspondence which has passed upon the subject of regulating the pay of Coolies and bearers within the Company's territories, and being desirous that some arrange=ment for this purpose should be carried into effect without further delay, we desire, that orders founded upon your letter of 22d. May 1796 may be transmitted to the different Collectors to publish the regulations with the rate of hire in their respective districts, and, as soon as we receive your report that the plan is sufficiently advanced, we shall make the necessary notification to travellers and Military

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy Secrety

Tables of Distances & hire thro the District of Dindigul.

From Dindigul to	Distance in Miles	Cooly hire	Bullock hire		
		F ½	F ½		
Cunnevady	15	1½	1½		
Veerapatchee	27	2½	4		
Iyagoody	39	3½	5½		
Rettyumbaudy	50	5	7½		
Mambarray	31	3	4½		
Yerracottah	24	2½	4		
Pulliapaub naiganoor	27	2	2½		
Yerreyodoo	20	1½	1½		
Chuckumputty	22	2	2½		
Madoor	15	1½	1½		
Maranoot	13	2	2		
Yemeelaupoorum	11	1¼	1½		
Towask Mada	8	1	1¼		
Amuttera	8	3¼	1		
Ammenaiganoor	18	1½	2		
Vellacottah	19	2	2½		
Dodiencotah	22	2¼	3		
Deodanaputty	36	3½	4½		
Vadaguirray	46	4	6		
Guntapanaignoor	64	6	9		
Ozodeenaignoor	65	6	9		
Taeeram	80	7	10		
Combay	84	8	11		
Yarraseekanoor	79	8	11		
Pylney	42	4	6		
Gopianaignoor	34	3	4		
Vadamadura	11	1½	1½		

From Dindigul to	in Miles	hire	hire
Poddy Comboo	10	3/4	1
Vadasindoor	21	1 1/2	2
Vembarapully	15	1 1/2	2
Attore	14	1	1
Vatalaundem	26	1	1
Paryacolum	46	2	2
Allenagarum	54	1	1
Veerapandy	61	3/4	1
Jealyemputty	69	3/4	1
Outumpollium	79	1	1
Cumbum	87	3/4	1
Goodalore	95	3/4	1

NB Cart hire not to be procured Palankeen boys and Coolies the same hire

a Cooly per Month - - - - - - 2 S. P. Pagodas
Do. per Day - - - - - - 1 Cully fanam
If taken from Village to Village across Road if more than 10 miles } 1 Do.
If less - - - - - - 1/2 Do.
Bullock hire per Month - - - - 2 1/2 S. P. Pagodas

The rates of Cooly hire were established during the Sultauns Government and have been adhered to since

(Signed) G. Wynch
Collector

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Dy. Secy.

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Permit me to request information from you as soon as convenient whether you can furnish me with eight thousand Pagodas on the 1st of March, for my disbursements of that Month.

I have &ca.

Madura
21st February 1798 } (Signed) Robert Hughes
Paymaster

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector of Dindigul

Sir

In order that the Head of Charges Extraordinary may be as distinct as possible from all Disbursements established by the Board, or by the authority of Government I think it necessary to inform you, that the Pay of the Sibbendy Peons entertained

since

since the 16th June last for the protection of the Circar Lands &c.a should be brought into the Treasury Accounts under

"Revenue Battalion"

I will thank you to let this distinction have place in the next Accounts to be forwarded, and for the sake of preserving a further perspecuity be pleased to enter in the Abstract under Revenue Battalion all sums that have been expended on that Account.

Fort St. George
21st February 1798

I am &c.a
(Signed) Geo Read
A B R

To Thomas B. Hurdis Esq.re
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am honored with your letter of the 27th Ultimo, and now enclose agreeably to your desire a very strong Takeed (with copy thereof for your information) to the Nuttum Poligar positively directing him to banish the Murnoot Poligar from his Pollam, and to make immediate restoration of the Cattle &c.a stolen from the dependant Village of Wembarputty, which I trust will have a good effect.

Ramnad
3d March 1798

I have &c.a
(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Revenue Department

To Mr. Thomas Bowyer Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The applications for ground inclosed in your letters of the 17th December, and 1st Ultimo, having been submitted to Government, they have the authority of Government

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Government, to make and occupy the enclo-
-sures, provided the Commanding Officer shall
be satisfied, they will not interfere with the
public works.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
3d. March 1798 }

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

(Circular) The Board having called on
their Accountant for a Statement of your
Collections from 1st May to 31st December 1797 —
in order to see how far the Estimate has
kept pace with the actual receipts they
observe your gross receipts as per Account
Current within that period Str. Pags. 50937-
13-25 and that to complete the full Amount
Estimated the further sum of Star Pags.
54779-22-55 still remained to be realized
from 1st January to 30th April 1798 inclusive.

The Board trust you will
exert yourself to realize the full amount
within the prescribed period.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
5th. March 1798 }

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secty.

To
T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The papers you allude to were deli-
-vered to Captain Limerick the Judge Advo-
-cate as Prosecutor on the Part of Government
of this I had the honor to inform you when
I acknowledged the receipt of the Papers

from

from Trichinopoly

Madras
7 March 1798

I am &ca
(signed) George Wynch

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

The Travancore Troops stationed in this Garrison having been ordered to return to their own Country after Payment of very Considerable arrears to them, permit me to request the speedy advance of Star Pagodas 4500 for this purpose & in order that it may be forwarded here as quick as possible

Madura
8th March 1798

I have &ca
(signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster

Revenue Department

To Mr T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your Register of bills for the months of December and January properly authenticated which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the bills trans=mitted in the Course of those months with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

Fort St. George
9th March 1798

I am &ca
(signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secty.

Register of Bill for the month of January 1798

1798 Jany.	2d	1 Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	4500	..	received
		Star Pagodas	4500	..	

Dindigul 1st February 1798
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(signed) T. B. Hurdis
(signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secty.

Register of Bill for the Month of December 1797

1797 Decr. 3	1 Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General	4500	..	..	Received
	Star Pagodas	4500	..	..	

Dindigul 1st. January 1798
S.S.
per
(signed) Hurdis
Collector
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secry.

To T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir

I have received your letter of the 10th. Instt. and shall immediately despatch a Servant from this Cutcherry with another letter to the Nuttum Polygar. If it should have no effect I shall lose no time in representing his conduct in the light which it merits, to Government.

Ramnad }
12th. March 1798 }

I have &ca.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Revenue Department

To Mr. Thomas Bowyer Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul
Sir

I am directed to enclose for your information and guidance the enclosed Extract of a letter from Government under date 3d. March communicating their intention of Consigning Copper to the Commercial resident for the purpose of Coinage by you

Fort St. George }
12th. March 1798 }

I am &ca.
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secrty.

Extract of a Letter from Government dated 3d. March 1798.

Having ordered consignments of Copper to be made to the Commercial residents

for

for the purpose of coinage, by the Collectors, we desire that the latter, may be instructed to pay into the Commercial treasuries, the value of the copper coined, in order that the price of the copper and the profit upon it, may be regularly brought to account in the Commercial books. This order is to be applied to the consignments which were made last year.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secry.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

On the 4th April last I requested you to take an early opportunity of remitting to Mr. Jackson the amount collected of Madura Peshcush, stating at the same time that the arrangement ought to be made before the close of the Official year or 30th April/97. I am sorry however that this request so particularly made should have failed to produce the desired effect. The inconvenience thereby occasioned in the Books of this Office is not to be remedied without much trouble, nor do I think myself authorized after the orders sent you, to make any adjustment in them until I receive some explanation on the subject which I hope you will soon afford. The only letter received from you in regard to the Collection Madura Peshcush is dated 12th July/97, wherein you state "he Mr. Jackson (in) "desired me to transmit it to Madura which has not yet been done".

In the Accounts for November I observe a receipt of Madura Peshcush Ps. 472.32.73; This sum you should forward to Mr. Jackson as soon as possible, unless you think it more adviseable to wait the expectation of further payments from the Poligar till the end of April and

then

then remit the whole. In which case timely notice ought to be given Mr. Jackson and a particular Memorandum sent him with money, to shew the fusly years in part of which it has been received, that he may credit the same, in his accounts of Assigned Peshcush.

Fort St. George }
15th March 1798 }

I am &ca.
(Signed) Geo Read
A R B

To Mr. J. B Hurdis
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

By your Demand Collection & Balance a sum is standing against Gopaul Kistnah for Fusly 1203 Str. Pags. 1177-24-35, never having observed this renters name in the Collectors Jummahbundy furnished my Office, I could wish to be informed why the Balance became transfered to his account when it before appeared against the several undermentioned renters Vizt.

	Pgs	f.	ch
Ramah Naig renter of Vadamadura	44	28	75
Iyahsawmy Pillay renter of Vadalacondum	607	6	34
Soobarow Renter of Outampollium	335	32	12
Tillivaddy Pilly renter of Chittynaigpetty	116	19	23
Sunguem Naig renter of Seelapaddy	32	6	34
Moota Pilly renter of Balakistnapoorum	41	3	17
	1177	24	35

After receiving your explanation I shall be able to judge whether the same adjustment is necessary in my Books, or whether the transfer in yout accounts was expedient.

Fort St. George }
16th March 1798 }

I am &ca.
(Signed) Geo Read
A R B

To
J. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I have received your letter of the

19th Instant, and have the honor to inform you that I have sent directions to the Akba Nawees at Madura to receive and pass receipts in the manner you have desired for any money you may remit to him on account of the Madura Peishcush. I will thank you however to write me a line whenever you make remittances, that I may bring the amount to account in the way pointed out in the letter to you from the Accountant to the Board of Revenue of the 15th Instant.

Ramnad,
22d March 1798

I have &ca
(signed) W. C. Jackson

Ramnad 22d March 1798

Dear Hurdis.

I have received your letter of the 20th & am much obliged to you for the information you have given respecting Ram-gherry. As I have no wish but to act with perfect justice towards all parties concerned in the succession, I should be glad that you would address me officially on the subject, stating all you know or have heard about it. This I can forward to the Board of Revenue, & they may decide as they please. I repeat that you will do me a favor of writing me a public letter on this occasion.

yours &ca
(signed) W. C. Jackson

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

I have to request of you the advance of Star Pagodas Five thousand Seven hundred for the Disbursements of the Dindigul District for the ensuing Month.

Madura
26 March 1798

I have &ca
(signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster

T. B. Hurdis Esqre.

Dear Sir

As I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you since I wrote last, now some months back, I conclude the young men are going on to your satisfaction, which I shall be glad to hear of as well as how far they have got on the Survey. I sent them an Ephemeries for this year a short time ago, which I hope they received.

Madras 2d April 1798 } I am &ca.
(Signed) J. Goldingham

Lieutenant Colonel Oram

Sir

I have the honor to enclose, for your information, Copy of a letter from Hurdis, and have to desire you will be pleased to issue the necessary Orders to Commander of the Detachment at Woolapahnaigue Pollam, for the fullest compliance with the wishes of Mr. Hurdis.

I have written on the occasion to Mr. Jackson, and have offered to increase the Detachment if he thinks it necessary.

Coilpet 63 Miles South of Madura 3d April 1798 } I have &ca.
(Signed) J. Floyd
M. G.

To Thomas B. Hurdis Esqre.
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am this instant favored with your letter of the 31st Ultimo, for which I beg of you to accept my best thanks.

You are perfectly right in supposing that much of the information transmitted to you from Ramgherry may have been exaggerated, for there is scarcely an assertion in it, that is not absolutely false; It would possibly have better served the cause of Vagera Naique, if the man who sent

sent the information from Ramgherry had subscribed his name, and produced any sort of proof in relation to the circumstances which he has advanced—

As it is, the less that is said upon an anonymous paper, the less chance has the author of it, of carrying any of his points—

It does not appear to me of any consequence, whether it be or be not known at Ram-gherry, that you had written to me regarding the situation of affairs at that Pollam— It is very certain that I made no mystery of it— for as soon as I had determined to request the favor of you to address me officially on the subject, I directed all the Manapara Vackeels at this Cutcherry to attend me, and to state all they knew respecting the declarations and intentions of the late Polygar and when they subscribed their names to the fact that Vattana Naigue had been nominated the successor, I did not conceal from them that the information I had received from you went to establish the contrary as this passed in the presence of many people, nothing is so likely that some one in the interest of Vegra Naigue may have written to Ramgherry—

The Manapara Vakeels had never any private communication with Rungah Pillay on the above or any other subject of a public nature nor did Rungah Pillah ever receive from the widows of the late Poligar an Arzee for the Collector— Both these points if it were necessary can be established upon Oath—

You must be sensible that I have no authority to instate either of the Claimants without the sanction of Government; and that tho' "delay in this business may be productive of very much trouble," it is absolutely indispensable for the sake of substantial justice, that every information should be known to

Government

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Government, previous to their decision upon a subject of so great importance.

I shall only observe that neither the widows of the late Polygar, nor Vegara Naique have any thing to fear, from any corruption that may be attempted by the Sevra Naique, or by any of his party.

Ramnad
3rd April 1798

I have &ca
(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Circular

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Board desire you will immediately prepare and forward to them, the case of every prisoner in confinement under you for murder or other Capital Offence: Revenue defaulters and such as are imprisoned for debt are not here alluded to; each case must form a separate number, and contain copies of all the evidence against the Prisoner, which the Board trust has been taken on oath, you will make such remarks on each case as you may think necessary noticing what evidences are now living and where they reside.

Fort St. George
3rd April 1798

I am &ca
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secrety

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

(Circular) Sir

Being desirous to prevent any delay in the transmission of the Annual Accounts 97/98 enumerated in the 41st Article of Regulations, I take this early opportunity to draw your attention to them, that the necessary orders may be given to prepare the Statements in due time.

The Accountant General having

ordered

ordered me to furnish a separate General Statement for his Office somewhat different from the one prescribed, I do myself the pleasure to enclose the accompanying form for it, which you will be pleased to consider connected with the 41st Article of Regulations and be guided by it accordingly in future –

As this Statement requires little time to prepare and may be completed long before the detailed Statement, I request you will despatch it so as to arrive at my Office by the 1st June a date which you are also to consider fixed for its transmission annually.

Fort St. George }
5th April 1798 }

I am &c.
(signed) Geo Read
A. B. R.

23 June 1798 [illegible]

Dr. Abstract Statement of Actual Receipts and

	Ps. F. C.	Ps. F. C.	P. F. C.	
Balance of Cash on hand 1st May 1797				000 – –
Receipts Ordinary				
Mint				
Duty in Coinage (if any)		000 – –		
Land Revenue				
Collected on account of the current year		000 – –		
Farms & Licences				
Collected on account of the Do. Do.		00 – –		
Collections of Revenue not included in the Jummabundy				
Collections within the year 97/98 under this Head		000 – –		
Collections of Arrears of Revenue due 1st May 1797				
Land Revenue	000 – –			
Farms & Licences	000 – –			
Customs or Sayer	000 – –	000 – –		
Salt				
Collections from the sales of Salt within the year 97/98		000 – –		
Customs				
Import duty by sea	000 – –			
Export Do. by sea	000 – –			
Inland Do.	000 – –	000 – –	000 – –	
Extraordinary				
Tuccavy advances recovered within 97/98		000 – –		
Deposits received		000 – –		
Batta gained by Exchange		000 – –		
Refunds on account of Charges		00 – –		
Tank repairs recovered		00 – –		
Advances for Sheep recovered		000 – –	000 – –	
Dutch Settlements				
Collections within the year			000 – –	000 – –

Star Pagodas 000 –

C. C. per

Disbursements from 1st May 1797 to 30th April 1798 Cy.

	P F C	P F C	P	F	C
Ordinary					
Collectors Salary & Commission	000 " "				
Assistants Salary	00 " "				
Collectors & Assistants House Rent	00 " "				
Moonshy allowance to the Assistant Collector	000 " "				
Travelling Charges	00 " "	000 " "			
Charges of Collecting land Revenue & Farms & Licences					
Charges Collection	000 " "				
Repairs of Tanks	000 " "				
Extraordinary	00 " "				
Sibbendy or Revenue Battalion & Batta to troops	000 " "	000 " "			
Pensions	000 " "				
Charitable allowances	000 " "	000 " "			
Charges on the Customs					
Established and Contingent Charges		000 " "	000		
Extraordinary Charges					
Tuckavy Advances	000 " "				
Loss by Exchange	00 " "				
Mulberry Plantations	000 " "				
Cocoanut Plantations	000 " "				
Opuntia Plantations	000 " "				
Purchase of Cochineal	000 " "				
Salt & Salt Petre					
Advances to the Superintendent	00 " "				
Advances for Salt	00 " " / 000 " "				
Customs					
Duties refunded	000 " "	000 " "			
Dutch Settlements					
For Charges & Pensions paid by the Revenue Department	000 " "				
Collectors Commission	000 " "				
Salaries to the Dutch Civilians &ca.	000 " "	000 " "	000	"	
General Treasury at Madras					
Remittances to the Treasury		000 " "			
Advances to the Military Department		000 " "			
Advances to the Commercial Do.		000 " "			
Advances to the Civil Paymaster		000 " "			
Advances to the Commissary		000 " "			
Advances to the Agent for Draught and carriage Bullocks		000 " "			
Advances to the Post Master General		000 " "	000	0	"
			0000	0	"
By Balance of Cash in hand 30th April 1798			000	"	"
Star Pagodas			0000	0	"

To T. B. Hurdis Esqre.
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Poligar of Comarawaddy, and am to request you will have the goodness to issue the most positive orders to the Poligar of Ayalore to refrain from the Commission of disturbances in the Comarawaddy Pollam.

I have &ca.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Ramnad
12th April 1798

To Thomas B Hurdis Esqre.
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I subjoin an extract of a letter from Mahomed Omur, the Abkar Nawcez at Madura and will be thankful to you, if you will be so good as to direct the Amuldar of Pereacolum Talook, to desist from his very improper interference with the Pollams under my authority

I have &ca.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Ramnad
14th April 1798

Extract of a letter from the Madura Abkar Nawcez to the Collector of Ramnad received 13th April

" Reporting that the Poligars of Woolapa Naigue and Tollapa Naigue have sent their Men to acquaint him to be communicated to the Collector, that the Amuldar of Periacolum Talook (of Dindigul) is constantly troubling the Inhabitants of their Pollam, and whenever they have occasion to go into the Dindigul Country that he causes them to be secured and confined. That he is frequently sending from ten to fifteen Men into their Pollams, to survey them, and that he is troubling the Inhabitants to quit their Pollam and to come and live in the Dindigul Country. That an Ambassadar (a Brahmin) of Tollapanaig having about six days ago had occasion to go into the Dindigul Country to buy some Paddy, the Amuldar had been immediately

seized

seized and Confined — that he has not hitherto released the Man he had some time ago taken under Confinement — That if they were thus troubled by the people of Dindigul it would be hard for them to manage — that they have never heretofore been thus troubled — and requesting that the Amuldar be ordered to desist from giving them any such troubles in future —

(True Extract)
(Signed) H. C. Jackson
Revenue Department

To
Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.
Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir
By desire of the Board, you will herewith receive Copy of your Register of bills for the months of February and March, properly authenticated which is to serve as an acknowledgment of the bills transmitted in the course of those months, with such Remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

I am &ca.
(Signed) I. B. Travers
Depy. Secry.

Fort St. George
14th April 1798

Register of Bills for the Month of February 1798

			S.P.	F.	C.	
1798 February	3d	1 Bill by Mr. Robt. Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul, on the Military Paymaster General	12500	..		Received
		Star Pagodas	12500	..		

Dindigul 1st March 1798
E. E. per
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Actg. Collector
(Signed) I. B. Travers
Depty. Secretary

Register of Bills for the Month of March 1798

1798 March	1st	1 Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Millitary Paymaster General	8000	..		Recd.
	12th	1 Do. by Do. Do.	4500	..		Do.
		Star Pags.	12500	..		

Dindigul 1st April 1798
E. E. per
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.
(Signed) I. B. Travers
Depy. Secry.

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir
Considerable inconvenience and loss having been sustained by the Company at different times from the high exchange of Colly Fanams, fixed for issues to the Pay-masters from the Revenue Treasury, as well as on other Coins Issued to them, you will state what objections may appear against the Issues from your Treasury being made exclusively in Colly fanams to the Paymasters at a fixed Medium rate of Exchange. The Board Conclude it is easier for the Collector to Convert any other coin he may receive (when it becomes necessary to receive any other) into Colly Currency according to the expected demand, than in the Paymaster who issues the Cash almost immediately on receipt and who or the Sepoy must therefore be more at the mercy of the Shroffs.

The issues to the Commercial Residents to continue as heretofore.

Fort St. George }
17 April 1798 }

I am &ca.
(signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Dear Haliburton

I am in great hopes all will go well about the giving up of the disputed lands— the granted platter of myself I have in my Guard— but as there is no trusting to appearances I shall take it as a favor if you will so order it as to have people in readiness to come off in a moments warning— two Companies will be quite enough— as there are divisions in the Pollam— and the Poligar can get no assistances from any of the other Poligars.

All parties left me yesterday every thing was there agreed to be given up and I so mitch depend on them that I have simply sent my Surveyors to see the ancient bounds again

marked

marked out and the boys to take the angles of the bound stones from different marks in the hills.

Should the Companies be under the necessity of coming I hope they would not be on positive service the fear they would occasion might do all the business.

I shall write you officially the moment I find it necessary I write this just to shew you how we stand to request that the least possible delay may happen should the force come.

Pereacolum 19th April 1798 — Yours &ca. (Signed) T. B. Hurdis

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

Permit me to request information from you as early as convenient whether you can provide me with 8000 Star Pagodas towards my Disbursements of the ensuing Month.

Madura 23d April 1798 — I have &ca. (Signed) Robt. Hughes Paymaster

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Revenue Department

To Mr. T B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Board having submitted to Government your letter of 8th Ultimo, and recommended that the Balance of the Collections at the Pylney Pagoda, amounting to Chs. 1999. 5. 9c should be appropriated as you propose, for repairing the Carriages & Choultries, they have authorized its being disbursed on this account, and you will apprize the Inhabitants that this act must be considered entirely proceeding from the indulgence of the Circar and a desire to support their religious establishments.

The Board adverting to the punishment received by Lyacootty and Turangoody former Aumildars of Cumbum and Pylney

Pulney, and Candapilly late the poor Sum-
-pretty, who were confined by the Committee,
have obtained Government's sanction, for
their release. I am therefore directed to
desire you will liberate these 3 people &
preclude them from ever having any further
interference in the Revenues

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
23d April /98 }

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secry.

To
J. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I herewith enclose two receipts on account of Ammeyanaique's Peshcush remitted by you to the Akbar Noveez at Madura. Vizt. × Enclosures not found

One for Cully Chs. 1479 - 6 in full for Fusly 1205
One for Cully Chs. 827 - 6 in part for Do. 1206

Ramnad }
25th April 1798 }

I have &ca.

(signed) W. C. Jackson

Revenue Department

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th Ultimo and to desire you will report which of the Poligars coin Caly fanams, and when & to what extent the last coinage took place. you will also state the circumstance which prevent your receiving the Revenue in Caily fanams agreeable to the settlements made in that Coin.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George }
3d May 1798 }

(signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secry.

Revenue Department

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Extract of your letter of the 20th of March having been submitted to the Board by the Accountant I am directed to inform you

that

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that application will be made to His Highness the Nabob to deliver over Gopaul District to you that the balance due from him, to the Company may be recovered

Fort St. George
12th May 1798

I am &ca.
(signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secty.

Public Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

In addition to the directions contained in my letter of the 19th Ultimo I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to transmit you the enclosed Extract of a letter from Dr. Berry in regard to preparing a Nursery for the preservation & Culture of the several spice plants, which he proposes to send to Dindigul and as the success of this sceme, is an object of great consequence, the President in Council is sanguine that aided by Dr. Berry's occasional advice, you may be able, in a climate so favorable to the plants, to succeed in propogating & bringing them to perfection

For this purpose, the Governor in Council permits you to clear the Ground, & to entertain 24 Gardeners as pointed out by Dr. Berry, and he will endeavour to procure and send to you an European Gardener to superintend the plantation.

Fort St. George
16th May 1798

I am &ca.
(signed) J. Webbe
Secy. to Govt.

Extract of a letter from the Superintendent of the H. C. Nopaltry Dated 14th June 1798

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter of the 19th Ultimo and have in consequence written to Mr. Hurdis pointing out the necessity of having spotts of Ground & cleared of about two or three

acres

acres each, where the Wild Nutmeg trees are found growing, leaving them, if scattered, for shelter, and attaching a sufficient number of gardeners to each; that the situations should be preferred, where there are Tanks or Rills of constant running water from the Mountains for occasional watering, and that I am told in the vicinity of the Travancore Hills and Mountain of Palamallie, where Cadamons Wild Nutmegs and Aromatic plants are found, there are many such.

The arrival of so great a number of Plants however by the Triton, makes a farther arrangement necessary to insure the only object of the Supreme Government, the establishment of these Trees in Numbers in the Companys possessions, so as to become an object of Trade, and at no time has there been, or will likely again be, so fair a prospect of effecting it, as besides what I have now in the highest health Viz. near 3000 Nutmeg and 30 Clove trees, Mr. Smith will land from the Triton some thousands more, if required, and that the Southern parts of this Peninsula are, in all probability, the most favorable for the Nutmeg and Clove of any on this side India, from approaching nearest in low Latitude and moisture the Climate congenial to their growth and particularly the Dindigul District, in the vicinity of the Travancore Hills, and to Mr. Hurdis I shall send as soon as the weather is favorable for land carriage about the middle or end of July, by far the greatest part of what I now have. Too great an Establishment cannot therefore be made to ensure this object, and as it cannot probably be done by the Collectors without reference, I am induced by Dr. Anderson's advice, to prevent delay to Recommend that an European, well

versed

versed in the care of Trees, and attentive, should be appointed as soon as possible, to superintend the gardens at Dindigul with a salary adequate to ensure his full attention, as no Native is sufficiently anxious, and zealous for a first establishment, and that he should have 24 gardeners under his directions with authority to increase their numbers, if necessary, the ground being cleared by the Natives, or such as the Collector may chuse to employ, and that when such an European is approved of, he should be sent there without delay to have every thing in readiness for the reception of the Plants, which Mr. Smith has been so good as transplant, as fast as proper Boxes and small Baskets for each can be made, and which he is daily engaged in; from the Plants not having suffered by the late strong land winds, there is every prospect of the greatest number reaching Dindigul in safety, and by having some in separate Baskets, and others planted in Boxes, so as to be easily taken out without injury, every thing is done to ensure success.

(A true Extract)
(signed) S. Falconar
Sub Secry.

Revenue Department

To Mr. Thomas Bowyer Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to Enclose for your information Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Company's Nopalry and to desire, that you will pay the greatest attention to the instructions you may receive from Dr. Berry who has been authorized to forward to you, a proportion of these valuable plants.

Fort St. George
19th May 1798

(signed) J. Webbe.
Secry. to Govt.

To

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris
Governor in Council

Honorable Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have received by the Ship Fairlie lately arrived from the Eastward many Boxes that had been filled with the most valuable and useful Plants of the Spice Islands for this Coast collected by Mr. Smith, whose industry and attention has been great to fulfill the object of the Supreme Government, the disseminating over the Company's possessions the productions of these Islands, as will appear by the inclosed list of what was intended for this, and I am sorry to add that notwithstanding all the attention paid to them by Mr. Tait Surgeon, under whose care they came, only the Nutmeg Plants have been received in a healthy State, all the Cloves being dead, as also the other Plants with the exception of a few of the acid Tomy Tomy and Inocarpus Edulis the Almond or Ratta of Otaheite which unfortunate loss is to be attributed to the Tedious voyage and Shifting from different Ships. × Inclosure not found

The number of Nutmeg Plants received are however an object of importance, and the little success that attended the distribution of those formerly received, point out the necessity of some arrangement, for the greatest part at least being sent to situations where there is more moisture in the atmosphere, than in most part of the Coast and such are to be found to Southward.-

Mr. G. S. Martin has, I am told a Garden that is kept constantly cool & moist by its vicinity to the Travancore Hills

there

there I am sure they would be attended to, and probably thrive, and if the Collectors of the Dindigul Districts were requested to have ground prepared among the Hills, that are watered by the Mallabar Monsoon, and where the wild Nutmeg is found there could be no doubt of success, the failure of the former plants sent there, being to be attributed to their being kept at Dindigul; instead of their being planted among the Hills as then recommended; some also might be sent to Lieutenant Colonel Read to be planted at Royacottah, and the most elivated situations in the Barramahl, and a few only kept for distribution on the Coast: As I have only been able to preserve at the Nopalry by constant attention to shade and watering one Clove, and 4 Nutmeg Trees, and that it is not probable they will ever attain in this dry atmosphere, any great height. I have taken the liberty, Honorable Sir, of thus pointing out where they should be sent, in the hope that you will approve and that I may be able, with a prospect of success & certainty of their being taken care of, in the months of July or August, when the Weather will be favorable than now, send them to these places and till then every attention in my power shall be paid, to enable these Gentlemen to receive them in a healthy state.

I have the honor to be with greatest respect

Honorable Sir &ca.
(Signed) Andw. Berry
Superintd. H.C.N.

Fort St. George
9th May 1798

(Signed) J. Falconar
Sub Secrty.

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis
Collector of the District Dindigul

Sir
Permit me to request an advance from you on the 1st of June of 7500 Star Pagodas

for

for my disbursements of that Month.

Madura
20th May 1798

I have &c.
(signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Circular/ Sir

The following is an Extract of a letter from Government dated 12th May and as referring to the Estimate to be transmitted by you in June I have to request your particular attention thereto.

"The necessity of the public service "further requires and I am accordingly "directed to desire that reasons may be "assigned at the foot of each Account, when "any material difference occurs between "the Actual & estimated receipts and "expenditures at this Presidency, and also "that in the formation of your Estimates "for the succeeding year explanations be "furnished at the foot of each Estimate, "of any variations which are expected either "in the Revenue or the Charges"

Fort St. George
22d May 1798

I am &c.
(signed) Geo Read
a R B

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Accountant having reported the inconvenience and delay he experiences in the duties of his Office from your backwardness in transmitting the separate Abstract Statement 1797/98 which should have been received by him on the 25th Instant and your Current Accounts for April.

I am directed by the Board to desire

desire they may be immediately transmitted to warn you of the necessity of punctually forwarding your Accounts & to inclose you Copy of a letter from Government under date 26th Instant wherein a report of neglect of this duty threatens decisive and effectual measure for obviating an evil of such important Consequence

Fort St. George
31st May 1798

I have &ca
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secty.

Public Department

To
Edward Saunders Esqr.
President & ca. Members of the Board of Revr.

Gentlemen

The serious inconvenience which has been experienced by the delay in furnishing the Documents from your Department for the Compilation of the annual books, has determined Government, to adopt the most decisive and effectual Measures, for obviating an evil of such important consequences.

I am therefore directed to desire that you will communicate to your Accountant the peremptory orders of the Honorable the President in Council, that he do transmit within four Months after the expiration of the Official year, the annual Books of his employ to the Office of the Accountant General and that he will report to Government, the certain causes which have heretofore operated to prevent the due transmission of his Accounts

Fort St. George
26th May 1798

I have &ca
(Signed) A. Falconar
Sub Secy

(A true Copy)
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secty.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I herewith inclose an Extract from the proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 2d June 1798

I am &ca.

(signed) T. S. Ware
Depy. A

Fort St. George
8th June 1798

Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 2d June 1798

Dindigul
Mr. Hurdis
Account Current for May — Read

No date of authority for the disburse-ments of the items included in this sum quoted the Collector has charged small sums as present without stating on what account or for what service

Pagodas 515-41-12 No authority quoted till then not admitted

Advances for Culti-vation Pagodas 40 — Do. Do. Do.

Account Current for June — Read No authority quoted till then not admitted the Collector refers of the Board to his answers to audit for explanation

the Board are sorry to have occasion again to remind the Collector of their Audit 6th May & more so as that of 15th July & must have reached him before the despatch of this Months accounts any similar neglect after the receipt of this Audit will subject the Collector to censure for disobedience of orders.

Advances for Cultivation
Pags. 278-5-12 No authority quoted till then not admitted.

Repairs of Tanks
Pags. 205-42-35 Do. — Do. Do.

Account Current to 12th July — Read

Advances

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Advances for Cultivation Pag. 223 4 65	No authority quoted till then not admitted.
	The Collector has not yet forwarded the Account Particulars of repairs of Tanks as each Tank is completed in the manner prescribed by regulations.
	Vide remark in last Month on all Items for which no date of authority or report is quoted the Collector should have brought the Sibbendy under Revenue Battalion.
Account Current 31st July	Read
	Same remarks as in last Month in regard to Charges Extraordinary Sibbendy here applicable.
Account Current 31st August	Read
Advances for Cultivation Pag. 243 39 70	No authority quoted till then not admitted.
Charges Extraordinary Pag. 14 18	No date of authority or report quoted till then not admitted.
Account Current for September	Read
Charges Extraordinary Pag. 14 25 6	Repairing Choultries, last Months remark here necessary.
Repairs of Tanks Pag. 176 29 34	No authority quoted till then not admitted.
Advances for Cultivation Pag. 54 10 23	Do. ... Do.
Account Current for October	Read
Charges Extraordinary Pag. 10 15 35	Last Months remark necessary.

Repairs of Tanks Pag.a 119-140-40	No authority quoted till then not admitted.
Account Current for November	Read.
Charges Extra=ordinary Pag.a 25 2 7	Last Months remark here necessary.
Repairs of Tanks Pag.a 64-144-74	No authority quoted till then not admitted.
Advances for Cultivation Pag.a 10	Do. Do. Do.
Account Current for December	Read
Charges Extraordinary Pag.a 19-19-43	Last Months remark here necessary.
Advances for Cultivation Pag.a 22-38-64	No authority quoted till then not admitted.
Repairs of Tanks Pag.a 59-3-56	Do. .. Do. .. Do.
Batta to Lieut. Bagshaw Pag.a 18-31-40	Extra half Batta paid in this the preceeding & following Months no authority quoted till then not admitted.
Account Current for January	Read
Charges Extra=ordinary Pag.a 20-38-45	Last Months remark here necessary.
Pag.a 120-10-23	No authority quoted for this charge agreed to refer it to Govern=ment.
Repairs of Tanks Pag.a 29-29-72	No authority quoted till then not admitted.
Account Current for February	Read
Charges Extra=ordinary Pag.a 20-38-45	Last Months remarks here necessary.
Repairs of Tanks Pag.a 19-31-17	No authority quoted till then not admitted.
Account Current for March	Read.
	Mr. Hurdis has drawn salary 250

Pag.a

Pays for the whole Month instead of from 17 to which period the Accountant has been directed to make such an account of the allowances falling due to him under Act of Parliament.

Charges Extraordinary Pags. 20 - 38 - 45

Repairs Tanks Pags. 678 - 1741

Last Month's remarks here necessary & no authority quoted till then not admitted.

The Board trust the Collector will whenever it can be done with security to the revenue reduce the number of Extra Sibbendy peons now employed agreed to desire Mr. Hurdis to explain the cause of his receiving such variety of Coins as they observe noted at the foot of his Account Current. The Board Conclude when he does receive other Coins than those in which the Settlements are Concluded he takes care the Exchange shall be considerable above par to prevent a possibility of loss.

The Board observed with much satisfaction the singular success and regularity with which Mr. Hurdis has realized the increased Revenue from the District under his charge which they have lately in justice to him brought to the notice of Government.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) T. S. Ware

Dy. A. B R.

Circular

To
Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir
For your information and guidance I herewith enclose a further Extract from Government's letter dated 12 May I delayed sending thinking the 22 May under the idea it would have been furnished from the other department.

Fort St. George }
9th June 1798 }

I am &ca.
(Signed) T. S. Ware
Depy. a B R

Extract of a letter from Government dated 12 May 1798.

The state of perfection to which the Accountants Department at Bengal is arrived affords an Example which should raise a sperit of emulation at Madras from Bengal not only the Statements made up to the end of the Official year but also the general books to the same period have for years past been transmitted to England in time for the arrangement of the general Accounts by the Auditor.

It is evident blame must attach somewhere and the more when the immense labour and responsibility of the Accountant at Bengal compared with the other Presidencies are taken into consideration if the statements either of the Quick Stock or of the receipts & disbursements are correct it is presumed materials must have been received for the Balancing

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the Books, because the Statements should, as at Bengal, agree with the Books, and Comprize not only the Cash Concerns, in so far as they relate to the Revenues & Charges, but likewise the Receipts & Disbursements of every kind.

Under these circumstances, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to inform you that though he is sensible the cause of this delay is not imputable to your office, yet as the arrival of the Virginie has brought this subject in the most earnest manner upon his Consideration, he is determined to enforce the orders of the Court of Directors, as well as of this Government repeatedly issued for the early and regular transmission of the General Books; adverting therefore to the great punctuality which has long been established at Bengal, and the equal possibility of observing the same regularity at this Presidency the Governor in Council desires that you will fix the several periods at which the accounts of the respective Departments should be transmitted to your Office, in order that you may be enabled to Complete the General Books, to the proper period, for transmission to England where it is intended they should arrive on or before the   and in Communicating those periods, you will assure the heads

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of Departments that it is the serious and certain resolution of the Governor in Council to remove from Office any Servant who after this warning shall be the cause of further delay

&c.

(A true Extract)

(signed) T. S. Ware
Dy A B R

To T. B. Hurdis Esqre

Sir

I am duly favored with yours and had this day the pleasure to despatch as per annexed Account there have been a scarcity of Foolscap Paper I have ten Reams on the way; in the interim have sent three Quires as a temporary Supply

Trichinopoly }
13th June 1798 }

I have &ca

(signed) J. Rannie

T. B. Hurdis Esqre

Bt. of Waddel Stewart Rannie

	½	Ream Demi Paper	4	22
	1	Ream Folio or Long Post	7	22
retd.	✓1	Ream Extra Gilt Post	6	"
do	1	Ream Thick Lr Post Gilt	5	"
do	3	Quire Superfine Gilt Foolscap	1	"
	1	Dozen Blacklead Pencils	2	"
	1	Dozen Ink Powder	2	22
		Wax Cloth to Cover	"	18
		Cash paid 1 Cooly full hire to Dindigul	"	24
		Star Pagodas	29	20

Trichinopoly }
13th June 1798 }

To
T. B. Hurdis Esquire
Collector Dindigul

Sir

Government have directed me to

Correspond

Correspond with you and point out what will
be requisite for the care and rearing of the Spice
Plants from the Eastward to the number I now
have and expect to be able to send you in a
healthy state about the middle or end of
July are very great, above two thousand Nutmeg
Plants, a Considerable space of ground or
spotts of two or three acres each should be
immediately cleared where wild Nutmeg
trees are found growing leaving them if
scattered, standing for shelter and to each
of these a sufficient number of gardeners
should be attached. A large Wild Nutmeg
tree or more should be considered essential
in whatever places &ca. fixed on, as for not
attending to this the former supplies were
probably lost, and those situations where
there are Tanks or Rills of water and at
the same time sheltered from the strong
and prevalent winds are to be preferred —
A number of the Plants to be sent you will
be each in separate small Baskets to be
put in the Earth Basket & all, and the
others will be planted in Boxes so much
asunder as to be easily taken out without
danger. Little will perhaps be requisite
to specify as to soil where the wild Nutmeg
is growing, it should however be a light
garden mould into not much Sand or
stiff clay and moist but not too wet in
clearing the ground if a sufficient number
of Trees cannot be left, present Fences must

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be made to shelter the young Plants from
the strong winds, and Cocoanut or Palmira
leaves should be used to protect them till
well rooted from the direct Rays of the
sun, taking off such covering in the evening
and trees planted that do not cause too
deep a shade and such as take deep root,
as in the loose soil of Bandie that the
Nutmeg thrives best in they are sometimes
Overturned by strong winds in great numbers.
& to prevent this Canar Trees are planted
amongst them, that take strong hold of
the ground this tree valuable for the
oil obtained from its kernel which is excel-
-lent also for eating is likely a native of
Dindigul from Colonel Oliver having sent
his Coll some of the seeds as oil seeds by
the name of the Canar Nut when he was
in the Travancore Country - The favorable-
-ness of the Districts in the vicinity of
the Travancore Hills for the growth of
the Nutmeg approaching in low Lati-
-tude & moisture nearest the Climate
of the Moluccas and the most proper on this
side India for establishing these Trees in
numbers so as to become an object of Trade,
the intention of the Supreme Government
in sending so many here, and which, from
the numbers received will now be expected
I trust, as I have every expectation from
the healthy state Mr. Smith has landed

them

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them of causing them to be delivered to you in the same, that no expense will be withheld that is requisite in laying out the ground most proper and having a sufficiency of gardeners in digging the ground after it has been cleared, making Fences and planting Trees where necessary as shelters that they may be planted in the best situations and best manner as soon as they arrive. I shall send gardeners Peons or Sepoys to see every care taken of them on the Road — As nothing can be so great an object to this Government as rearing so great a number of Nutmeg Trees, I shall in all my letters point out the necessity of looking to Dindigul for realizing it and of approving whatever expence you may deem requisite if you had any Europeans qualified from their knowledge of gardening and attention to superintend it would greatly insure the success and if you can possibly procure them I would recommend their being so employed with such additional pay of soldiers as to engage their full attention to it.

I have &c.
(Signed) Andw. Berry

Fort St. George
June 13th 1798

		F.	C.
10 Chickens	....	3	12
2 Fowls	....	1	"
16 Eggs	....	"	8
12 Bundles Wood	....	3	"
Bundles Straw	....	3	19
Milk	....	"	9

Cooley

Cooley — — — — 1 — "

Total — 12 — 10

Paid Advance — 11 — "

Balance — 1 — 10

Dear Sir

The above was the account the Village man delivered in after having made his complaint to the Cutcheree and the Major. Had he obeyed the orders given him of rendering and account when the advance might be disbursed, any attempt of my servants to defraud him had been discovered; whereas he made no complaint to me, and I of course concluded matters went on properly.

I send the Cadjan, the Straw account is as you mentioned at two bundles for a fanam.

The Villager declared we would have four bundles, his own account is the best proof to the Contrary.

13th June 1798

Yours &ca.

(Signed) C. Bayshaw

P.S. The Villager received no more from me than was his due his account was cleared in the presence of Captain Sinclair and that should have been the period to return any overplus.

Dod was present when I desired the man to name any person whose Conduct might in the least degree merit Chastisement and that I would inflict it.

(Signed) C.B.

Sir

I am much Concerned at the premature fate of poor Gardener, and the more so from your

Character

character of him, which so few of his cast have hitherto been found to deserve, owing probably more to the neglect of others, than their own faults while with me Gardener altho' a fine lad by no means took the lead, as he has since, of the other two; Webb was the most active, but I fear he is altered.

Respecting a lad to supply poor Gardener's place, I fear we shall not be able to supply you for some time, however you may rely upon having one as soon as possible.

As I conclude you have reported Gardener's Death to the Board of Revenue it will be superfluous for me to do so.

Observatory
19th June 1798

I have &ca
(signed) J Goldingham

To
Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

Permit me to request of you the advance of 800 Star Pagodas for the use of my disbursements for July.

I have &ca
(signed) Rt. Hughes
Paymaster

Madura
21st June 1798

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Your answer to audit just received being informal I am directed to return it and to request you will send it back in the form prescribed by the regulations.

I am &ca
(signed) T. S. Ware
Dy. A B R

Fort St. George
23d June 1798

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your register of bills for the Months of April and May properly authenticated which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the bills transmitted in the course of those Months with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

I am &ca.
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Dy. Secrety.

Fort St. George
23rd June 1798

Register of Bills for the Month of April

			SP	F	C
1798 April 2d		1 Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymt. General	5700	..	..
		Star Pagodas	5700	..	..

Dindigul 1st May 1798
E. E. per
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Dy. Secretary

Register of Bills for the Month of May 1798

			SP	F	C
1798 May 1st		1 Bill by Mr. Roberts Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	8000	..	..
		Star Pagodas	8000	..	..

Dindigul 1st June 1798
E. E. pr.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Dy. Secretary

Dear Sir — 23 June

The Case of Mr. Welsh who died here on the 23d of a fever connected with a deceased

Liver

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liver, is particularly remarkable from his sinking so soon under the Complaint, his fever being neither constant or very severe.

When I first visited him on the 16th he had taken an emetic on account of an attack of fever the night before, and from his situation then I had no reason to apprehend his illness would turn out so very serious. The fever he had experienced the preceding night seemed to agree in all its symtoms, with the common intermittent fever of the District the vomit operating very well both upwards & downwards, had removed his headache, and vertigo, his pulse was then moderate with a moist skin, and he expressed an inclination for something to eat. Notwithstanding these favorable symptoms in the evening, I learnt next day that he had passed a bad night, he became hot and feverish soon after he lay down, and Continued in that state till towards morning when the fever abated.

The following day he was pretty well but the fever recurred at night as before, and terminated with a free perspiration in the morning. On the 18th his mouth being somewhat parched and skin dry I gave him some Calomel with emetic Tartar in the form of pills, which operated freely downwards and carried off much bile, he had this evening some sleep for a few

hours

few hours, but the Fever returned towards morning, tho' less severe — next morning when I was with him he coughed repeatedly I desired him to lay down on his back on the bed and pressing his belly with my hand he complained of a deep seated pain stretching from the pit of the stomach towards the right side — at one part the pressure always occasioned coughing he then likewise told me that turning from one side to the other on his cot always made him cough. From the above circumstances I judged that the liver was in a deceased state and that the constant return of fever at night might be attributed to that cause.

As the evacuations had only given temporary relief I had then recourse to frictions with mercurial ointment on the side affected, and continued them to the 21st the fever always coming on in the night and terminating in profuse perspirations so much resembling a fever of the Hectic kind that I suspected an abscess was either formed, or forming in his liver. On the evening of the 21st he appeared better, his countenance lighter and spirits good and I was not a little surprised to hear next morning that he was then speechless and apparently insensible, in this state I found him with a week and quick Pulse, but breathing easy, and laying quiet he afterwards

occasionally seemed to revive a little when taking a Cordial mixture & some blisters that had been applied had probably a share in producing this effect, but his general strength gradually sunk until decease which happened on the 23rd about 12 O Clock

The young man appeared to have naturally a weak in constitution & bad habit. I think it probable his liver affection had been slowly coming on before the last attack of fever, and it's general attendants want of rest and appetite, weakened him considerably before he came down to Dindigul.

Dindigul }
24th June 1793 }

I am &ca.
(Signed) Jno. Goldie

Revenue Department

To Mr. Thomas Bowyer Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

Your application under date 15th May, for permission to draw the difference of allowance between Acting Collector & Collector, from the time of your appointment as Acting Collector, to the time of your confirmation, having been submitted to Government I am directed to inform you, that they have in reply, desired that your salary may be regulated by the act of Parliament; agreeable to which, you are authorized to draw Pags. 1497 - 15 - 3 house rent,

Monthly

Moonshy, and tent allowance, not being considered as forming any part of the Salary or emolument of your Employ

Fort St. George
25th June 1798

I am &ca
(Signed) J B Travers
Depy. Secy.

Revenue Department

To Mr. T B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed by the Board to point out your inattention to their instructions for forwarding your Diary since September 1796, and Quarterly Report of Prisoners since July last, which they direct may be immediately transmitted.

As the orders heretofore issued to ensure general regularity in the transmission of Diaries, and for the other Monthly documents which ought to be despatched on the 5th of each succeeding Month, have proved ineffectual, I am further directed to notice to you the Boards resolution to mark every future instance of inattention by a fine, unless satisfactory reasons for the delay be received within five days after the date on which they become due at the Presidency.

The Diary may be written on Country when Europe paper, is not to be procured as it is not to be deemed the Channel of any information intended to be brought under Consideration or requiring the orders of the Board, (as in all such cases a letter must be addressed on the subject) only a record of your detailed Proceedings for their occasional reference but principally for the benefit of your successor, should therefore

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however be any particular circumstances noted therein which you may judge proper to come under the immediate observation of the Board, you will point them out, in your letter accompanying the Diary.

Fort St. George
25 June 1798

I am &ca.
(Signed) I B Travers
Dy. Secretary

Revenue Department

To Mr. I. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Before the Board submit to the final Consideration of Government the proceedings which have passed respecting the Ramgherry succession, they wish to be furnished with such observations as you may judge necessary to offer on the enclosed Extract of a letter from Mr. Jackson dated the 28th April, complaining of your interference in that question & particularly of your sending your servants into the Ramgherry Pollam - also copy of a letter from him covering one from the Sera Naigue accusing your Cutcherry of having received bribes from certain persons said to have seceded from the Ramgherry Pollam, in regard to which you will make particular enquiry, and if the 5 Inhabitants are still within your Districts the Board recommend your securing their persons until the enquiry shall be completed.

I am directed to inform you in reply to your letter of the 11th Instant that the place of Robert Gardiner cannot yet be supplied from the Surveying School,

but

but the Superintendent will be directed to notify whenever any boy is sufficiently advanced in his education for this service.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
29th June 1798

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Extract of a letter from Mr. Jackson dated 28th April 1798.

22nd. Having thus brought before you in one point of view the information procured by Capt. Gepp, I cannot but express the concern which I feel, at the countenance and support which evidently appear to have been given to the false and malicious accusations of the Naulamcars who at the instigation of the Poligar of Cadawoor, absconded from the Ramgherry Pollam soon after the death of the Poligar, and went to Dindigul where they still remain, if they have not lately removed to Cadawoor. If the view of these men had really been to uphold the cause of Justice; If it had not been, as is now seen, diametrically opposite thereto, the question would naturally occur, why did they not come to Ramnad, and state their case to the only Person who was competent, or had authority to hear it. I may now say, and I believe I shall not be thought wrong in saying, that when "the Naulamcars "of Ramgherry who asked for Cowle from "the Collector of Dindigul, declined going "to Ramnad, alledging that it would only "expose them still farther to the resentment "of the usurper"; They ought have been required to assign their reasons for such allegation, and failing to do so, they should have been

Vide Mr. Hurdis letter to the Collector of assigned Perkaush the 26 March 1798.

Compelled

compelled to proceed hither and this in common justice to the Representative of Government residing at Ramnad, at least, such would have been my conduct, had the case been reversed.

23rd. I need not, I am sure, point out to your Board, the mischief and danger that are likely to result, from any interference of any kind in the Pollams, entrusted to my exclusive management leads to consequences like the present, where no discouragement was given to the prosecution of Intrigues by the Poligar of Cadawoor, over whom my authority extends, and whose Emissaries at Dindigul did not scruple to assert to Mr. Hurdis himself, the most palpable falsehoods, with the intention, as it now appears, of preventing the legal heir from succeeding to the Pollam. I submit with reference to your superior judgement, whether such things ought to be, and whether the public service is likely to be carried on with advantage to the Company, whilst a practice so liable to impede the course of Justice, is permitted to continue. Had Mr. Hurdis confined himself to the mere transmission of the information which he had received, I should have been thankful to him. But I do not see the necessity there was for his sending any of his servants into the Ramghery Pollam, or to allow any information to be forwarded to him, respecting the affairs of a Pollam, without naming to me the Person who furnished it, when he knew who that Person was.

24. Your Board will do me the Justice to acknowledge, that the moment private information was conveyed to me, of improper

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transactions said to be going forward in the Ramgherry Pollam, I desired that the information might be publicly & officially Communicated. My motive for doing so, can not be mistaken. I did not expect however that Mr. Hurdis, in stating the reports which had reached him, would have added that "such reports had in great degree been" confirmed by the Conduct of the Parties concerned or that in his letter of the 5th Inst. he would have judged it necessary to enter into a defence of assertions brought forward by an informer, who was in the interest, most decidedly, of the Poligar of Cadaver, & whose information, in every point relating to the Seree Naigue has proved to be palpably false, by the Oaths of no less than 24 Persons most Certainly there has been nothing in the Conduct of the Seree Naigue, that can incline me to the belief that he has acted wrong in any respect and without difficulty or hesitation, I have now the honor to express my sentiments in the most decided manner that Vuttana Naigue the son of the Seree Naigue, is the only Person entitled to the succession. These sentiments are founded upon the result of Captain Gepp's enquiries, which have been made in a way so highly creditable to that officer, that I trust his conduct will be found to merit your approbation, and the favorable notice of Government.

In what I have said, regarding Mr. Hurdis, it is very far from my wish or intention to prefer any Complaint, that may draw upon him

your

your displeasure. Had he known the characters of the men who were permitted to give him information regarding the Ramgherry Pollam, or the real views of the Poligar of Cadawoor, I am sure his conduct towards them would have been different from what it was. Instead of listening to them, he would have referred them to me, as the proper and only Person under your Board, competent to hear and redress their grievances. My sole view in touching upon the subject, is to prevent by the exercise of your authority, any such interference in future, in case you deem it improper or to submit to it with deference and respect, provided it be your opinion that there was nothing objectionable in it.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) I. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

To Edward Saunders Esqr.
President & Members of the Bd. of Revy.

Gentlemen

Having considered it to be my duty to lay before you copies of all the papers that have passed on the subject of the Ramgherry Pollam, I do not feel myself warranted to withhold from you a Representation delivered yesterday at my Cutcherry by the Ramgherry Vakeel. It is a letter from the Seru Naique, a copy of which, with its translation, accompanies this address.

I have the honor &ca.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Ramnad
10th April 1798

From

From the Seroo Naigue of Ramgherry to the Collector Received 7th April 98

Sir

I have received your Tahceed, acquainting me that Captain Gepp was ordered to proceed to Ramgherry and directing me to shew him every respect &ca as He and Syed Ameen Saib (the Abkar Naveer) are arrived, I shall obey the order accordingly.

I have now to acquaint the Collector (having Communicated all other matters by my former obyas) that a man named Perrio Naigue and the five inhabitants who retired to Cadawoor having understood that Mr Hurdis was endeavoring to have the Manapara Pollams annexed to Dindigul, and that he had a bad opinion of Ramgherry they applied to him through the Tahsildar of Ayaloor as the only person to whom they ought to have recourse in the hope that they might through his means effect their wishes. They are now industriously reporting and have even sent to acquaint the inhabitants in Ramgherry that they have Communicated all matters to Mr Hurdis respecting the matter of succession that he is perfectly convinced of the impropriety of my sons succession, and of Vagara Naigue being the only lawful heir that he has written to the Collector at Ramnad on the subject who has in consequence desired of the Commandant at Manapara to proceed to Ramgherry to enquire particularly into the matters of succession that he will no doubt find from his enquiry

that

that Tayera Naigue is the lawful successor, and not the Seru Naigues son, that as Cajora Naigue will undoubtedly succeed, they had better quit Ramgherry, and threatning to plunder their houses, and murder them if they did not, and should declare in favor of my son. These men have spent about two thousand Chuckrums to the people in and about Mr. Hurdis's Cut-cherry through the Channel of the Tahsildar named Arirayen and one Sevenadin Pillah to whom they have also given a bribe and they have promised to gratify them much more if their wishes be accomplished.

Thus the Cadawoor Poligar has encouraged these emigrants they are striving to injure me but I rely on the Collector at Ramnad to support me and my son agreeably to justice. We are the children of the Company. I have reported what I have heard.

(A true translation)

(signed) W. Wheatly

(True Copy)

(Sd) J. B. Travers

Dy. Secretary

J. B. Hurdis Esqre.

Sir

I am favored with your letter of the 28 Ultimo, covering the Grant of Government for the land occupied by me in Dindigul accompanying I have the pleasure to return

you

you an attested Copy of the same for the Cutcherrie records.

Dindigul
July 1st 1798

I am &ca
(Signed) John King
Surgeon Dindigul

To Superintendent of the Company's Land

Sir
You will be pleased to solicit for me a Company's Grant of the Ground by me as described

Situation of the ground	Since when Enclosed	Title under which it is held	Contents in Cawnies, Grounds Superfl. square feet	Nature of the Soil	How laid out and whether any Building upon it	By what land bounded on the N. S. E. W	Plan of the Ground
Near the North Gate and inside the Pettah Wall	Not Known but during Mr. Wrangham's Collectorship	Purchased from Lieut. Smith on account of Mr. Wrangham	Twenty three thousand two hundred & sixty feet or Cawnie Ground 1. 6. 1260 Sq. Grountas 2 6/10	Sandy Soil	Two Buildings Outhouses &ca &ca	North near the Pettah Gate South by the Pettah East by Captain Simons Compound West by dry ground near the Pettah Gate	74 yds [illegible] square; 110 Yards

I do hereby certify that the within described house & Enclosure do not interfere with the Public Works

(Signed) A Brown Lieut. Colonel Comm. &c.
(Signed) T B Hurdis Collr. of the Dindigul &c.
(Signed) John King Surgeon Dindigul

By the authority of the Board of Revenue, under date 3rd March 1798 – I certify the Consent of Government for the Solicitor herein named to make & occupy the enclosure herein described, provided such enclosure do not interfere with the Public works.

(Sd) T B Hurdis
Collector

The above is a true Copy (Sd) John King
Surgeon Dindigul

To
T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of the Dindigul District

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 28th Ultimo enclosing a Company's grant for the ground held by me for which Sir, I return you many thanks, at the same time Sir, I have the pleasure of sending you a Copy of the grant abovementioned, for the records of the Cutcharee.

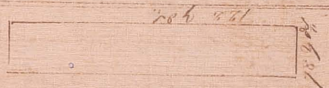
Dindigul
3d. July 1798

I have &c.
(Signed) I. Johnson
Condr.

To Superintendent of Company's Land

Sir

You will be pleased to solicit for me a Company's Grant of the Ground held by me as herein described.

Station of the Ground	Time when Enclosed	Title under which it is held	Contents in Cawnies Ground superficial Sqr. feet	Nature of the Soil	How laid out & whether any buildings upon it.	By what land bounded in the N S E W	Plan of the Ground
Within the Pettah walls	February 1794	The enclosure was made by Mr. Johnston during Mr. Macleod Collectorship	Eighty five thousand six hundred & fifty four Superficial feet or 1. 11. 1644 one Cawnies Eleven grounds One thousand six hundred & forty four S. feet Grounta 3½	Sandy	Kitchen Garden dwelling house outhouses	Bounded on the N by the road leading to Trichinopoly S by a foot path leading to the Bazar E by uncultivated ground West by the road leading to the Chucklers Village	

By the authority of the Bd. of Revenue under date the 3d. March 98 — I certify by the consent of Government for the solicitor herein named to make & occupy the inclosure herein described provided such enclosures do not interfere with the public works.

(Sd.) I. Johnson
Condr. Stores

I do hereby Certify that the within described houses and enclosures do not interfere with the public Works.

Lt. Col.
Commanding

(Sd.) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

To
T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collr. of the Dindigul Dist.

(A true Copy)
(Sd.) I. Johnson
Condr. of Stores

Dear Sir

I have read with much Concern your letter of the 24 Ultimo, informing me of the fate of poor Webb who when with me took the lead of all the other lads; and I looked forward to his becoming a very valuable person about you, with Ambrose's assistance, I had flattered myself he would have been able to have completed the Survey since the most dangerous, and I suppose the most difficult part, had been finished previous to the death of Gardiner; we must however now seek other means, we have boys here promised to Mr. Brown in the Vizagm District, who have been kept back some time to be perfected in the Gentoo Language, perhaps in a Case like the present the Board would order one of these down to you; I have also another Boy named Webb who in point of knowledge would be a good assistant to Ambrose, but he is so small, & at times so sickly that I am fearful of sending him out even to a healthy Country, lest the fatigue of service should be too much for him Captain Caldwell as Superintendt. of Tank repairs has three lads under him, two of whom have been left to Survey the Devicotta District, which being very limit-ted I imagine they must have completed all nearly; now as two days will I think be quite enough for Caldwell when this service is finished perhaps we may be able to send one of these to you. I will however speak with Mr. Cockburn on the subject,

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and hear what his opinion is, in the mean time I hope you will be able to keep Ambrose's mind fully employed, he appears good deal alarmed at the fate of his Companions, & requires business to keep his attention in from the subject.

Madras
8th July 1798

I am &ca.
(Signed) J Goldingham

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your General Abstract Statement and its accompaniments which came to hand the 28th Ultimo It would have given me much satisfaction had they arrived sooner to enable me to complete the annual accounts of Government, which you will be concerned to understand, were solely retarded by the want of those from your devision all the official papers having been sent on the same Tappal I conclude you may not have recollected my request which stated, "that the abstract required for the Accountant General was to be despatched so as to arrive at my Office the 1st June" by bringing this subject into notice it is more from a desire to prevent you incurring the displeasure of the Board hereafter, than a disposition to inform. I do it also impress on your mind the necessity of a regular adherence to the prescribed dates, for the transmission of the Annual papers.

Fort St. George
9th July 1798

Yours &ca.
(Sd) G Read
A B R

To Mr. T B Hurdis

Collector at Dindigul

Sir

In order that the Board may be possessed of an authentic record of the Genealogy of every Zemindar and Poligar holding under an hereditory claim the sunnud of Government and paying a revenue to the Company the Board's desire you will take an early opportunity of collecting this information as far as regards your division it may be most expedient in the first instance to call upon the parties themselves in writing to furnish a geneological table of their respective families with every necessary explanation thereon to establish its authenticity as it is intended to be a guide for Government in determining the right of succession on the demise of the present incumbents in order therefore to prevent on any future occasion this documents must be prepared in the Language of the parties respectively to whom it refers and be subscribed to by them in the presence of two credible witnesses to be chosen by themselves as well as before you or your assistant who will also subscribe your name in Testimony thereof but previous to this authentication should you upon full enquiry have any doubts of the statement of any party being correct either from accident or any similar view you will personally communicate with him thereon pointing out the grounds of your suspicion and determining by this means the real descent in all such cases you will transmit for the information of the Board a complete copy of your proceedings containing your full communications on the subject with any elucidatory remarks as you

you may have to offer. You will also transmit Copy of the letter you are desired in the first instance to address to the parties.

The genealogical table should specify the ages of the present incumbent and of their descendants, and a note should be subjoined of the disposition and capacity of each, founded on the most authentic information you may be able from a deligent enquiry to obtain, as well as if the necessary attention is paid to the education of the next legal heir being a minor.

In case of adoption it may be recommended to the party immediately to communicate the same to the Collector under his own signature, with every particular relating thereto which may be necessary to secure its confirmation on his Demise.

Fort St. George
20 July 1798

I am &ca
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Depy. Secretary

To J. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

Permit me to request of you the advance of 8500 Str. Pagodas for the use of my department for August.

Madura
22d. July 1798

I have &ca
(Sd.) Rt. Hughes
Paymaster

Revenue Department

To Mr. Thomas Bowyer Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you for your information, the enclosed Extract of a letter from the Court of Directors respecting the absolute necessity of their servants acquiring a

knowledge

-knowledge of the Country Languages, Copy of which you will deliver to your Assistants

I am &c.

Fort St. George }
23rd July 1798 }

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Dy. Secretary

Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors dated 4th October 1797.

We approve of the resolution advised in these Paragraphs, and being more and more convinced of the absolute necessity of our servants acquiring a knowledge of the Country Languages we approve of your having given publicity to this resolution, and direct that it be implicitly observed. The fact cannot be concealed, that there is a backwardness in our servants upon your Coast to prosecute the study of the Country Languages so as to enable them to transact business with the natives without the aid of an Interpreter. But convinced, as we are, and have repeatedly so declared of the absolute necessity of this qualification in the due and faithful discharge of the active duties in the Revenue Department we further direct that in failure of meeting in the Civil line of the service, Persons so qualified for Collectors and assistants you endeavour to select from the Military list Persons so qualified. The conspicuous merit of Captain Read in the Collection of the Baramahl and Salem Countries affords a strong argument in favor of the discretionary power we have thus given you of making your selections to Revenue Offices from those qualified for the same whether they be in the Civil or Military line of the service.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Dy. Secretary

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis
(Circular) Collector at Dindigul

Estimated Probable Receipts & D[...]

Heads of Revenue	Expected receipts from 1st May 1798 to 30th April 1799 on account of balances anticident to Fusly 1204	Expected receipts from [1st] May [1798] to 30th A[pril] 1799 on [ac]count Balan[ces] remai[ning] due 1st [May] 98 of Fu[sly] 1204
Balance of Cash 1st May 1798		
Receipts Ordinary		
Land Revenue		
Farms & licences		
Land Revenue under Aumanee Revenue not included in the fixed Jummah		
Total land		
Salt Revenue rented		
Salt revenue Aumanie		
Total Salt		
Sayer Revenue rented		
Sayer revenue Aumani		
Import duties / by sea /		
Export duties		
Inland duties		
Total Sayer		
Receipts Extraordinary		
Tuckavey Advances		
Salt Advances		
Fines & forfiet ures		
Gain by Exchange		
Tank repairs		
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Grand Total		

N.B. The Sub Divisions only are here put down the particulars to be filled up by the Collector –

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...ted ...ts ... at 1798 ...bill ... ac ...of ...a ...ing ...May ...self	Expected receipts from 1st May 1798 to 30 April 1799 on account of Balances remaining due 1st May 1798 of Twelve 1205	Expected receipts from 1st May 1798 to 30 April 1799 on account of Balance remaining due 1st May 1798 of Twelve 1206	Balance of Current Revenue 1207 Outstanding 1st May 1798	Expected receipts from 1st May 1798 to 30 April 1799 of the Balance of Current Revenue 1207 due on 1st May 1798.	Account of Current revenue of 1207 & 1208 falling due in 98 99 or from 1st May 1798 to 30 April 1799.	Expected receipts from 1st May 1798 to 30 April 1799 of the Current revenue falling due in 98 99.	Total Expected receipts from 1st May 1798 to 30 April 1799
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Sir

Agreeably to the Board's directions I herewith enclose a new form for the Annual Estimate which you will be pleased to substitute in place of the one referred to in the regulations.

This alteration in the Estimate will cause a deviation from the prescribed form of the Comparative Statement, the entry of each Sub Division of revenue being differently classed and as the matter will not engage your attention for some time let me recommend you to note it, by a Memorandum in the Book of Forms.

24 June 1827

Fort St. George
24 July 1798

I am &ca.
(Signed) Geo. Read
A. B. R.

from 1st May 1798 to 30th April 1799

Disbursements	Disbursements expected to be made on account of arrears due 1st May 1798 [illegible]	Disbursements expected to be made on account of the Current year 1798/99	Total disbursements expected to be made from 1st May 1798 to 30th April 1799	
Ordinary				
Collectors Salary & Commission		000 "		
Assistants Salary		000		
Collectors & Assistants House rent		000 " "	000 "	
Charges of Collecting Land revenue				
Charges Collection as per list allowed by the Board				
[illegible]			000 " "	
Repairs of Tanks			000 " "	
Extraordinary				
Sibbendy				
Pensions				
Expected Charges on the Customs established and Contingent Charges				
Extraordinary Charges				
Tuccavy				
Loss by Exchange				
Salt Advances			000 " "	000 " "
Net revenue Expected to remain unappropriated on the 30 April 1799				

To Mr. T B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Secretary having transferred to this Office the proposed Moyenzabitah for Fusly 1208 transmitted in your letter of the 2d Ultimo I am under the necessity of returning it the form laid down in the 17th Article of the Regulations not being attended to as you will observe on reference to No 4 [illegible]

I request you will also transmit an account particulars of the Sibbendy to be employed in the ensuing Fusly

I am &c

Fort St. George
27th July 1798

(Signed) J. J. Ware
Dy. U B R

Revenue Department

To Mr. T B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir
(Circular)

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your Register of Bills for the Month of June properly authenticated which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the Bills transmitted in the course of that Month, with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

I am &c

Fort St. George
27th July 1798

(Signed) J B Travers
Dy. Secretary

Register of Bill for the Month of June 1798

1798 June	4th	1 Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	750	received
		Star Pagodas	750	
		Dindigul 1st July 1798 Errors Excepted per (Sd) T B Hurdis Collr. (Sd) J. B. Travers Dy. Secretary		

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris
Governor in Council &ca &ca

Honorable Sir

Having received an answer from Mr Hurdis to my letter regarding the establishment of Plantations for the Banda Nutmeg Plants in the Southern extremity of the Dindigul Valley I have the honor of herewith enclosing a Copy of it and which I would have done some days sooner had I not wished previously by obtaining all the information possible to be able to obviate all his objections and shew to Government that he has rather been hasty in his Conclusions.

The first he marks is the distance of Talama hills from the Fort of Dindigul, this so far from being an objection as to Climate & situation is quite the reverse being situated in the Southern extremity so much near the latitude of the Moluccas and forming an amphitheatre the Plants will there have the benefit of both Monsoons and be shel~~tered~~ from all bleak winds, and indeed so peculiarly favorable is this that even in the small natural Basons as described to Mr Hurdis, or hollows filled up by the decomposition of the higher Country with Nutmeg Trees are growing. These surely can never be considered the only places where these trees are to be founded. That on the extensive range of the Talamala or Elephant Mountains they may not be in all situations that they are found on others Mr George Hynch can attest, for near the first Choky up the Talamala, probably farther than Mr Hurdis says he has explored about 18 Miles from Goodilore on the Road side leading to Cochin & Travancore

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he plucked the wild Nutmegs from a very large tree & here there was no want of soil or situations for planting the Country at this elevation which is considerable, appearing nearly level for a great way and in the vicinity there is a large Tank if water should be wanted for any short period of the year & every appearance of Paddy having been formerly Cultivated from the remaining small Banks to keep a sufficiency of rain water on the fields where he has doubt Plantations for the Banda Nutmeg may be easily made to any extent with every prospect of success the soil being rich and sufficient to nourish the larger Trees of wild Nutmegs and various kinds — Lt. Dodd now Dindigul who accompanied Mr. Wynch, can inform Mr. Hurdis farther of the appearance of this range of the Talumala — about 12 Miles farther among the Hills, there is a second Choky situated on the Banks of the Pariayer and a Pagoda where from every information he learned of the Country differing but little from what he saw at the Choky, they might also planted. as likewise in that part of the Talumala distant about 14 Miles from Cumbum in the direct road from it to Cochin, near a Mosque where a Moormen and Lubbies constantly reside at the Village called Nadoongul, where the Country was represented to Mr. Wynch as being clothed with such verdure, that the Inhabitants of Cumbum send their Cattle thereon particular occasions.

These places are not specified as the only proper situations on so extensive a range of hilly Country forming many fertile vallies

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rearing wheat, but as those connected with the Villages of Cumbum and Outampollium the Principal Villages in the Southern extremity of the Valley, at but little distances from them, & where there are always Peons from these Villages stationed for the Collection of Customs, or a constant intercourse from Trade, and where if Peons can constantly reside, or Inhabitants of the Valley live, Gardeners could certainly remain, which is Mr. Hurdiss's 4th principal objection and which might be obviated by interesting the principal Inhabitants of these Villages, as from them Gardeners inured to the Climate of the Hills might be obtained by suitable encouragement, either from their own Villages or farther among the Hills, from Brootta Pettah a Village belonging to the Cochin Rajah, where a Number of the Inhabitants of Cumbum and Outampolliem reside for the purpose of carrying on a Traffick between Cochin and Dindigul Valley, and even the Nattamcars, who reside constantly on the Talamala & procure a precarious maintenance from the wild produce of the Hills and a trifling Custom on Articles of Trade, might by the same means in Mr. Wynch's opinion be made useful in rearing the Banda Nutmeg, for in such favorable situations much knowledge of gardening is not probably requisite, the ground requiring little or no watering, not much more than digging, where trees are to be planted, and being

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sufficiently cleared without depriving it of Shelter by leaving large Trees standing to plant the Nutmegs between, and surrounding the whole with Bamboo fences, which are there in abundance, to prevent any damage from wild Animals.

His 3d objection the impossibility of getting there Country people qualified to take care of a Nursery &ca he thinks might be obviated by my coming to Dindigul and forming under my own inspection the necessary establishment &ca if it is impossible or rather so difficult as he represents any short stay my immediate duty at the Presidency could admit would be of little avail, whoever goes in charge may get Gardeners from this to reside for some time with him, and the few gardeners I shall send along with the plants may possibly be induced to stay there a few Months, but the attachment to soil will always prevent any permanent establishment of Gardeners from this, nor it is necessary for the immediate superintendent, who should be an European and if a practical gardiner the Better, should have the means of conciliating the Villagers of Cumbum Outampolliem or the Kalamars as before mentioned and getting them to engage as gardiners and be taught if necessary by those from this, and which he cannot find difficulty in doing if supported, there being in all Villages Gardens & Generally fruit trees and con-

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Consequently those that may be considered as Gardiners the Banda Nutmeg like the Fruit Trees requiring probably in such situations little more than planting and attention till sufficiently grown.

As to Mr Hurdis himself attending to the Plants it could not have been thought of, but his holding out every encouragement and inducement to the Natives, and every support the Country affords to the person in charge is certainly to be expected, having frequent Correspondence with him to know what is required how the plants thrive, and Rewards should be held out for some years proportioned to the number of Thriving Plants.

In respect to the water mentioned by Mr Hurdis, the luxuriance of every plant is a proof that it is not unfriendly to vegitation — and the Diary enclosed by Mr Hurdis under the exposed Circumstances the Thermometer must often have been, when examined by Assistant Surveyor cannot be much depended on in the Degrees of heat, it is sufficient to know that the places recommended have the benefit of both Monsoons.

The Rivers & Nullahs from the Hills may make Communications with them difficult during the South West Monsoon, but that does not prevent, it appears, Inhabitants from residing on them nor are they always cut of Mr Wynch and Lieutenant Dodd having been on them the 15th of July 1795.

Having mentioned in my letter to

Mr

Mr. Hurdis that it should be considered essential to have large wild Nutmeg Trees in every plantation; he may have been led to state the objection represented of want of soil in some places where they were growing, but this need not be any their vicinity and some elevation will answer equally well — least there still should be farther difficulties in planting the Banda Nutmegs on the Talamala I have to mention that at present neglected original Circar Garden about three miles from Cumbum made by the former Hindoo Government which may afford the next best situation for these plants, being surrounded with Topes of immense Mango & Jack Trees on which Mr. Hynch saw Pepper growing and a river near, having water all the year round, filling Nullahs running through the ground; they may also be planted at Goodilore where vegetation is luxuriant even though the soil be a strong red clay, as at the Malaccas they grow in various soils, the Climate more than soil having influence and from thence a similar Clay has been brought attached to the roots of Plants — it will only require the more digging — neither of these places in the valley however should be compared with the situations on the Talamala, as where wild Nutmeg Trees are growing naturally there the Banda Nutmeg will grow best.

I have now Hon'ble Sir taken notice of every part of Mr. Hurdis's letter and I hope shewn there is no objection which the Countenance of Government cannot do away — his having paid so much attention to the subject and stated so fully his objections deserves credit, these being obviated will forward the grand view of planting them there in numbers so as to be an object of trade — the Plants here still continue healthy, the pro-

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probable delay before they can be sent to Dindigul is not unfavorable, as it will allow of their being well rooted in the Boxes and Baskets they have been transplanted into and the less likely to suffer from the transportation by Land — I should not wish their being sent from this till some establishment is made, and after that there need be no hesitation as at or near the situations mentioned they can certainly be planted and thrive —

If Government have not yet fixed on a proper person for this charge, I beg leave to mention that the Reverend Dr. Rottler of Tranquebar and Mr. Zeleck, in case of one of them should be taken ill, would have no objections to go, see the plantations made in the most favorable situations, arrange the whole and remain till an immediate superintendant can be appointed, accompanying the Plants from this, if their expences can be paid which will not likely amount to much, that Tents are allowed, and a few Sepoys from Dindigul, as are usual for Journies to the Hills where wild Buffaloes & Elephants are sometimes mischievous, and such Monthly allowance for their trouble as Government may think fit, if this should be approved of it would be doing every thing to ensure success as well as getting better accounts of these Hills, few men being better qualified from their knowledge of Gardening, Botany, and Natural History their zeal and faithful discharge of a trust & their conciliatory manners and acquaintance with the Country Languages.

I have the honor also to forward a list of the most valuable plants obtained from the Coast & different distant parts

as the best mode of giving a present state of the Nopalry and showing that the acquisitions are neither few nor of small value. The plantations of the different kinds of Mulberries & Nopals as stated on former occasions are kept up including the Country Nopal which still requires constant attention to keep it clear of the Cochineal Insects and preserve it from being lost as in some future occasion it may be found equally useful for the rearing the fine Cochineal as it has the Silvester. I have not attempted planting many Molucca spice trees as I have found the Climate of Madras unfriendly especially to the Clove, but I have plantations of young Cinnamons and many of the trees mentioned in the list in considerable numbers as the Coffee Chocolate the fruit trees from different parts of India especially the Mango the best kinds of which it has been considered an object to engraft and encourage the planting of as generally improving our principal fruit, and many others from the West Indies & Eastward have been with the same view distributed as far as from layers or otherways they could be propogated —

Fort St. George
13th July 1798

I have &c.
(Signed) Andrew Berry
Superindt. of H. C. N.

Dindigul 28th January 1798

To J. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector

Sir

Be pleased to make application to the Board of Revenue for their sanction and that of Government for the undermentioned piece of Ground

Waste land
Bounded by the east by well of the Village [illegible] yards distance.

I do hereby certify that the enclosing the Ground herein specified will not infringe with the public works
(Signed) [illegible] Brown Lt.
Commanding &c.

To The Superintendent of Company's Land

Sir

You will be pleased to solicit for me a Company's grant of the Ground held by me as herein described

Situation of the Ground	Since when Enclosed	Title under which it is held	Contents in Cawnie Grounds superficial Square feet	Nature of the Soil	How laid out whether any building upon	By what Land bounded N. S. E. W.	Plan of the Ground
Within the Pettahwall	In the Year 1793	Of purchase from Captn. Ogilby of the Hon'ble Company's Service	Eighty one thousand two hundred & sixteen feet Cawnies ground 1 9 20 10 ½ feet one Cawnie nine grounds & two thousand & sixteen feet	Sandy Soil	House & Out House	Bounded on the north Petta wall South street East by the Houses of the Petta West by Dr. Hargs & Ly. Simons Captn. 1st Bn. 2 Regt.	81 Yds. 945 yards

I do hereby certify that the within described House & enclosures do not interfere with the public works.

(Signed) A. Brown
Lt. Ch. Engr.

By the authority of the Board of Revenue under date 3d March 1798 I certify the consent of Government for the Solicitor herein named to make & occupy the enclosures herein described provided such enclosure do not interfere with the public works

(Sd.) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

To J. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of the Dindigul District

West by a road bounded the ground Mr. Bagshaw has applied for-
South by west land breadth on the north front eighty one yds & one foot six inches South front Do.
East front Length one hundred & sixty two Yards.
West front Do.
The length & breadth measurement out

for
Gours &c.
(Signed) G Warburton
(True Copy)
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
(A true Copy)
(Signed) G Warton

By the authority of the Board of Revenue under date 3d March 1798 I certify the consent of Government for the Solicitor herein named to enclose & occupy the land herein described provided such enclosure do not interfere with the Office works-

(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collector

To The Superintendent of Companys Land.

Sir You will be pleased to solicit for me a Companys grant of the Ground held by me as herein described.

Situation of the ground	Since when enclosed	Title under which it is held.	Contents in Cawnies Grounds & Superficial Square feet	Nature of the Soil	How built on and whether any house upon	By what Hand bounded
Within the Petta wall.	In the year 1793	By purchase from Lieut. [illegible] of the Honorable Companys land.	Eighty nine thousand five hundred & eighty six feet. Cawnies Grounds 1 = 13. 17 & 6 3/4 one cawnie thirteen grounds seven hundred and eighty six square feet. Goontas 3 1/3	Sandy soil	[illegible] houses	By Chuckler Pettah

By authority of the Board of Revenue under date 3rd March 1798 I certify the consent of Government for the Solicitor herein named to make & occupy the enclosures herein described provided such enclosures do not interfere with the public works.

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

I do hereby certify that the within described houses & enclosures do not interfere with the public works.

(Signed) A. Brown Major
Commanding

(Signed) J. Goldie

To J. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of Dindigul District

Revenue Department

To
Mr. J. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector Dindigul

Sir

I am directed by the Board to enclose you copy of a letter from Government dated 31st Ultimo, and to desire your attention to the orders it contains that no further advances may be made from the revenues on account of the Investment, and you will observe your

Commission

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Commission is from that Date to be paid by Bills on Bengal, for which Certificates will be granted to you or your order by the Accountant to the Board, who will Communicate to you the mode he may adopt for the purpose.

Fort St. George)
28 August 1798)

I am &ca.
(signed) J. B. Travers
Dy. Secretary

To
Edward Saunders Esqr.
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revu.

Gentlemen

I am directed, by the Honorable the Governor in Council, to desire, that no further advances may be made by any of the Collectors, on account of the investment but that they will hold the balances of cash in their hands, after complying with the Military Indents, at the disposal of Government. The Collectors, in the Districts of Masulipatam & Guntoor, are to remit their balances to the General Treasury at that place, according to former orders.

The salary of your Board and your establishment at the Presidency for all sums above fifty Pagodas per month is for the present, to be defrayed by bills on Bengal. From the inconvenience which the Collectors, from their local situation, may suffer, the Governor in Council permits them to draw their salary, but their Commission is to be defrayed by Bills on Bengal. For this purpose, certificates are to be granted by your Accountant of the several sums to be drawn in these accounts which will be accordingly debited to your department, in the books of the Treasury.

Fort St. George)
31st July 1798)

A true Copy

I have &ca.
(Sd) J. Webb Secy. to Govt.
(Sd) J. B. Travers
Dy. Secretary

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul
(Circular) Sir
The Board having communicated to me the orders of Government directing that your Commission be for the present defrayed by bills on Bengal from the 1st Instant and being for this purpose desired to grant Certificates for the sums you may be entitled to I have to request you will appoint some person at the Presidency to receive and grant receipts for the certificates to be delivered from my Office on the arrival of your monthly accounts.

Although the amount of your commission is not to be charged in the treasury accounts I am nevertheless to request you will continue to transmit an account particulars thereof.

I am &ca.
Fort St. George } (Sd) Geo Read
4 August 1798 } A.B.R.

From
Pullabiramiah
After Compliments
The two letters you have favored me with are arrived the Contents are understood You have written that Pulneyandy tawen &ca. Colleries of Congo pietty of Poodoor Vinadum have plundered the Sirkar Village of Attoor of 200 bullocks and desire that I will cause restitution that if I cannot cause restituation on application to you for assistance that whatever may be proper you will give.

The Colleries of Aucor at this time are beyond measure troublesome to prevent them I have no people I wish by any means to put a stop to them therefore if sir you will assist me with about 2 Companies after assembling such people as are here I will go punish

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the Colleries & restore the cattle plundered from Attoor.

You have written because the Amildar oppresses the Colleries that they enter the Sirkar Country & plunder it.

If these people pay the just Teerwa & be obedient to the orders of the Circar how can the Amildar oppress them? they pay from a quarter to the half of their just rent & then disobediently refuse the rest I wish heartily ones to punish them.

I wrote you sir on Amanaigues plundering but you thought the contents of my letter native and that the Colleries came & plundered Amanaig and that Amanaig fought them. Now sir if you make enquiry you will understand whether what I wrote or Amanaig said be true. Your servant also saith and if you will send a man to Tholavundum you will understand whether Amanaig himself by persons have acted in consent with the Colleries or not & that what I have advanced is true.

In Tholavundam if there be such disturbance at the time of the Coday Cultivation there will be a loss 5000 Collums of grain besides this every day four or five houses are fired therefore your taken is necessary that Amanaig should keep his family in proper order.

You have written me to come and speak with you at present the Sirkar business is pressing but in a few days I will come.

Revenue Department.

To Mr. Thomas B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24 June with its several Inclosures, and to inform you that

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you have the Board's authority to advance 9000 C Chuckrums for Cultivation and 20362-6-10¾ for repairs of Tanks & Watercourses The Board request that your disbursements on these accounts will be lessened, if this can be done without injury to the Cultivation.

You will receive the Board's orders on your Moyenzabitah in the Audit department.

I am &c.
(Signed) J Washington
Secretary

Fort St. George
9th August 1798

Revenue Department

To Mr. T B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed by the Board to inform you Government have been pleased to appoint Mr. J G Ravenshaw to be an Assistant under you

I am &c.
(Signed) J B Travers
Dy. Secretary

Fort St. George
16th August 1798

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

Permit me to request of you the advance of 6000 Star Pagodas for the use of my department for September.

I have &c.
(Signed) Robert Hughes
Paymaster

Madras
19th August 1798

Revenue Department

To Mr. T B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant and

in reply to that part which regards the renting out of the Sayer to remind you that this deviation from a general principal of management cannot be sanctioned by the Board for the reasons stated in my letter of the 26 July 97 and the instructions since received from Government on this subject, you will accordingly resume the administration of this branch of revenue; and report the Checks you may establish to guard against abuse on the part of the Servants employed under Aumanee

I am &ca
(Signed) J. Lushington
Secretary

Fort St. George
25th August 1798

Circular

Revenue Department

To Mr. Thomas B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to call your immediate attention to my letter of the 16th January last respecting the two modes of renting Customs or Managing them by Aumanee, and as the Boards general report upon this subject to Government waits the receipts of your reply they desire that it may be furnished without delay

I am &ca
(Signed) J. Lushington
Secretary

Fort St. George
25th August 1798

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you an attested Copy of the grant for the lot of Ground in my possession for the Cutcherry records

I am &ca
(Signed) Ch. B. Bagshaw
Fort Adjutant

Dindigul
26th August 1798

Dindigul 28th January 1798

To J. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter and enclosure of this day for which I thank you, and will reckon it a favor conferred if you will make application to the Board for the lot of ground answering to the following situation and dimensions.

It is considered waste land bounded East by the road bounding the Ground applied for by Mr. Warburton North by the public road West at seven yards distance in the clear from the hedge by Mr. Constructor Johnson's Garden South by road and waste land breadth on the north front eighty one yards one foot six inches, and that of the south to the same extent.

From East to west one hundred & sixty two yards The length & breadth of measurement is reckoned out & out and water course to continue as before

There being in the space of one hundred and eighty four yards width of Ground three yards each of them seven yards in broad, the center leading to as Ground of value, but as indifferent water course, it would afford me much satisfaction were it so contrived that the gardens were separated from each other only by a partition wall or hedge the road added to the remaining two which would improve them and my little spot as I wish it for family motives be rendered the more private & free from

If this can be done without

inform

I do hereby certify that the Inclosure of the Ground herein specified will not interfere with the public works.
(Signed) J. Brown Lt. Col.
Commandg.

By the authority of the Board of Revenue under date 3d March 1798 I certify the consent of Government for the solicitor herein named to enclose & occupy the land herein described provided such enclosure do not interfere with the public works
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

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inform you to the answer of the Board for recommending a road, Than positively Established you will be conferring a favor & such a one as I shall be proud to acknowledge thankful to you Sir for the very handsome manner you have encountered this trouble I have the honor to subscribe myself

Yours &ca
(Signed) E B Bagshaw
Fort Adjutant
(Signed) I B Hurdis
Collector
(Signed) E B Bagshaw
Fort Adjutant

To Mr. I B Hurdis
Collector at Dinctigul

Sir
I herewith enclose an Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 18th August 1798

Fort St George
30 August 1798

I am &ca
(Signed) G Read
a B R

Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 18 August 1798

Mr. Hurdis proposed list of Servants for Fusly 1208 by Chs. 1515..2..0 or Str. Pags. 865..29 66 increase on that of 1207 Pags. 66..14..32

It is agreed to pass the Moyengabitah submitted by the Collector, in consideration of what he has stated occasioning the increase; ordered, however that the Collector do warn his servants, that any negligence on their part or deviation from the strict line of rectitude will be punished with a severity proportionate to the indulgence thus bestowed.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) T I Ware
Dy. a B R

List

List of Stationary sent to Mr. T. B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

Quills	1600	
Quires of Imperial Paper	8	
Do. of Royal paper	18	
Do. of Medium paper	28	
Do. of Demmy paper	20	
Do. of Hounsfarm paper	42	
Do. of Longpost paper	19	
Do. of Quarter post Paper	20	
Do. of Cartridge Paper	5	
Do. of Blotting Paper	5	
Penknives	5	
Pounce	4	lb
Papers of Ink powder	47	
Sealing wax	5	lb
Wafer Boxes	5	
Tapes	11	
Pencils	14	
Pewter Inkstands	3	
Ink bottles	1	
Erasing knives	3	
Scissors	2	
Straps	3	
Ivory folders	4	
Round Ruler	1	
Flat Ruler	1	
Sand Boxes	2	

Fort St. George 25th. July 1798

(Signed) J. B Travers
Dy. Secrety.

To Mr. T. B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The entries on the Dr. & Cr. sides of the Account Current to 11th. July 1798 appearing unnecessary, (especially as you transmitted with the General Statement a separate Demand Collection & Balance for the assumed Pollams) I have to apprize you they are cancelled & to request you will rectify the Cutcherry Copy of the account.

Fort St. George 4th. September 1798

I am &ca.
(Signed) Geo Read
a R B

Revenue Department

To Mr. Hurdis
Collector of Dindigul District

Sir

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the

8th Ultimo, and to inform you they sanction the allowances you purpose granting to the dispossessed Poligar of Pundior and to the family of the Mumbara Poligar, to the former 60 Rupees per Month, and to the latter the same sum, together with the expense you have already incurred as well as the further sum 200 Rupees you recommended to be given to the elder Daughter on her marriage.

You are authorized to continue the Settlement of the unassumed Pollams of your Districts for the present Fusly, the same as the last, as well as to employ the two other sets of Native Surveyors with an head Serishtadar in the Survey Cutcherry, at a salary of 30 Chuckrums per Month, to enable you to complete the survey of the whole District in the course of Fusly 1208. In respect to the Two Assistants Surveyors named by you in your letter of the 14th Ultimo the Superintendent of the School, has been required, to report whether their education is sufficiently advanced, or whether he has any other two qualified, that can be immediately sent to you.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
6th September
1798

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

In consequence of your letter of the 14th Ultimo, Mr. Goldingham was desired to inform the Board whether the two boys therein mentioned were sufficiently advanced in their education to assist in the completion of your survey. He has in reply acquainted them, that Mr. William Webb is of too feeble

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a constitution to bear up against an unhealthy climate and the fatigue of an active and laborious duty, and that Pope being a master of the Gentoo Languages might be employed with more advantage to the northward.

Mr. Goldingham has however proposed that the two boys employed at Devicottah under the instructions of Captain Caldwell in the survey of that District be stationed under you, and as the Board approve this suggestion it is their intention to direct your Assistant Mr. Ravenshaw to call for them at Devicottah that they may proceed under his charge to Dindigul.

With this assistance and your zealous exertion the Board hope for a satisfactory conclusion of the Survey at the period you have mentioned.

Fort St. George
13th September
1798

I am Sir
(Signed) J. Lushington
Secretary

Declaration from Kistna taken at Rattempadaly 15th September.

I'm Gopana gour's Pollam a dependance on Coimbatoor in Vadacaupollam Village the gour of which is Nella gour in whose Service I was during this about ten or fifteen days since Mayel Tembee (one of the Pulney Rajahs) came to Gopana Gour at Enapacolum near Talmangle and after some conversation assembled ninety peon with Tembalieu & Nella gour & went to Wadacaupollam there speaking with the Moodoo Naig he & his peons about thirty agreeing with Myel Tembee for wages at 15 fans. per Month went from Vadacaupollam to Audamalcotta in the Pellipollam thence going northward in parties they went towards Pachraghery and hide in the jungles.

Whilst staying in the jungles Moodoo

Naig

Naig & his peon kept guard the four with Nigel Tomba were with the ninety in the inner part of the jungles.

The Peons were very much in want of provisions sent for them to Sackragherry got some and divided it among the party.

During this the Killadar of Sackaragherry with 20 peons came to the jungles and fired once at us we fired four times at him.

Meyil Tomba with his people went away to the westward of the jungle Moodoo Naig went with them we with our thirty remained in the jungle the Killadar asked who we were we told him we were Candachar peons and gave him the name of our Duffadar at that time there was a Musulman with the Killadar who said the Duffadar was his brother and enquired if he was run away or he had come to see him and desired he might if returned be sent to fort.

The Killadar after this observing our people and said there is no dispute between us and the English Circar at this time if you staying in this country make disturbance in that they will come & make disturbances in ours therefore you must not go into the Company's territory thus plainly speaking he ordered us back the road we came sent two men over us and went into his.

This done our naigue came to us we left the road we were in and went to the side of the reddyenputty hill and thence to Balasamoodrum which we attacked and plundered the night of the 12th we remained that night in the jungle near the river and the next morning when going to the side of the hill in the

jungles

jungles we came to a Village where we saw four or five ryots we sent two of our people secretly to them and told them we had come with their Poligar that we know not the road and were wandering about you must keep us in some private place at present & by & by shew us the road we may get away by.

One of the ryots came and called us to him carried us near the hills towards some pullers houses and left us the pullers carried us towards a rock where we were concealed one night.

This day very early going westward we heard that a guard had gone to Reddiem-boddy the pullers bid us not to go that way by Colliembatoor a puller & tottie came with us one gurry to shew the road and left us.

After this our people & myself with them going to the westward some ryots came & stopped our naig and people the ryots fired one shot at us our people fired four shot at them and run away

Not being able to go on to any distance I staid behind and the ryots took me

I do not know whither Myel Tombee & his party went

At the plunder of Balsanoodruim I got one Tolla / bason / one sheet one bundle of Tobacco.

Declaration from Chair Mootteo taken at Talliook in 16 September

Meyil Tombee of Oglnagy now in Rama-puttama of Yera-panaigues pollam assembled about an hundred peons in Gourana-pully of Gopaguru's pollam and to prevent a discovery

they

they were divided into parties of five & ten &ca and kept separate at this time I went to Ramaputtana for employment Linga Sherogar a Dain of Coimbatore who was in with the assembly saw me and bidding me stay with him promised a cloth and kept me ten days with him.

In Wadacapollam a dependant Village of Goopapagour pollam about thirty asham peons who had been discharged were entertained by him.

The whole of these two parties came and assembled at Devampaddy in Yerrappanaig Pollam Idelli & Myil Tomba was in Ramapattan his brothers as reported and two gours whose names I do not know with Murde naig having assembled the party on the 9th September left Devampaddy & went to Ponapoor I was with them.

Poonapoorum Tomba gour was gone to the Devan at Polachee the whole party were hid in the jungles near Poonapoor that day

The next day the 10th they came to the jungles within the bounds of Columbum in the Village of Collatoor and secreted themselves the Killadar of Sackragherry had information of it and sent a takeed to the heads of the party you have no business here the assembling a force to do mischief in the Companys Country will be noised abroad if you do such an impudent thing I will punish you "they staying here on this account we are going to our Villages.

After this the thirty asham peons and about twenty of the other assembly amongst whom I was being to stay in the jungles they said they would go and bring us batta and on the 11th they set out and went to Rattiembaddy murdered the Poligar on the 12th about 12 O'Clock they came back to the Cullapar jungles again on the night of the 12th all the party set out &

plundered

plundered the cottages near Cullimbatoor - I was then at Cullimbatoor when they gave me one fanam under pretence of getting rice and sent me to Pulney - to find out how many people sepoys peons were there I came to Pulney and was three days at a Pundarums house - where I eat & slept

Yesterday 15th before the alarm was given in Pulney telling Pundarum women I was going to Coimbatoor I set out when I got to agrar, the alarm was given I went thence to Ulcool and not having the road I enquired of a Shair which was the road to Coimbatoor the Shair seized me and carried me to the guard - by whom I was brought here -

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I herewith enclose an Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 8 Sept 1798.

In your account 12th July 1798 where the arrear of Salary and Commission is brought to account as admitted by Mr. Deputy Secretary Travers letter of 25th June, you have charged the whole sum to the head of Salary & Commission 1798/99 whereas Pagodas 449. 21. 6 should have been brought to that of 1796/97 & Pags. 1047. 29. 77 to 1797/98 you will be pleased to make the necessary alteration in the accounts of your Cutcherry as those in my Office have been rectified.

Fort St. George
10th September 1798

I am &ca.
(Signed) G. Read
A B R

Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 8 September 1798.

Read Mr. Hurdis's answer to Audit of 2d June 1798

1 Passed on the Collector's explanations on occasions of Pollams and Farms being sequestred the Collector should immediately submit the establishment of servants required for the management and no charge on that account to be entered in his accounts till sanction be obtained.

2 Passed on the Collector's explanations In very particular cases small presents may

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be necessary but as the making of them without authority is expressly prohibitted the Collector must on all future occasions obtain the sanction of the Board

3 When a new charge occurs & no instructions are given to a collector under what head it is to be placed it is his duty to apply to the Accountant for information the Collector will observe this rule in future.

4 Passed the Collectors explanations

5 It is always foreseen when repairs are likely to become necessary the charge is now passed, but the Collector will observe it as an invariable rule to send an Estimate of requisites repairs for the sanction of the Board in due time any repair hereafter made and charged without such permission will be at once retrenched.

6 The Board approve the Collectors humane attention to Prisoners the same remark as in the last is however applicable here.

7 The reason for not requiring the sanction of the Board no longer existed when the Collector found the services of the people indispensable and tho the Board shall at all times be ready to afford a collector every reasonable aid in rendering his management efficient, they must once for all observe that they cannot dispense with the rules laid down for regulating the expenditure of the public money and that they shall be compelled to retrench every disbursement made contrary thereto ordered that the Accountant do not from henceforth admit any charge in any Collectors accounts for which authority is not quoted and that he immediately report all such to the Board when he examines the accounts as received in his Office

8 Admitted on the Collectors explanations ordered that the accountant direct a column to be inserted in the accounts particulars of repairs and advances in which the Total sum authorized is always to be inserted as well as the date of authority that the progress of

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the advances may at all times be seen. The Collector will transmit the requisite documents so soon as the works are completed and at the same time report the expected advantages from each Tank repaired, the Board have the fullest reliance on the Collector's zeal and attention to the interest of his employers but he must be sensible they cannot dispense with a strict attention to regulations the Collector must therefore invariably submit Estimates for sanction previous to Commencing any repairs and give his opinion the probable advantages to be derived therefrom by shewing the present produce, and that expected after the repairs the Collector of course in 1208 can always determine on the repairs which it might be eligible to make in the following year and submits Estimates in due time.

9 Admitted date of authority to be invariably quoted.

10 The Collector will understand from the remarks already made that the form of obtaining permission to disburse the public money cannot be dispensed with, but by incurring personal responsibility the attention of the Collector to the improvement of the Country is highly commendable, nor will a compliance with regulations in any shape obstruct his exertions in its favor, as it is at all times in his power to apply for sanction to advance to a certain extent when he foresees they must be required.

11 Mr Hurdis has been furnished with order relative to his allowances to 1st March 1798 regulated by act of parliament & on that principle this charge is now passed for March.

12 The Board wish to have the Collector sentiments on the subject of a coinage of Cutty fanams being established at Dindigul while the revenue is paid in such variety coins the Collector as heretofore will no doubt take care to receive them at an exchange that can never

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subject the Company to loss the Poligars might be required to pay their Peishcush in cully fanams conformably to the settlement

(A true Extract)

(Signed) S. S. Ware
Dy. A B R

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqre
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

Permit me to request of you the advance of 600 Star Pagodas for the use of the Paymasters Department for October 1798.

Madura
20th September 1798

I have &ca
(Signed) G A Hughes
Acting for Rt. Hughes
Paymaster

T B Hurdis Esquire
My Dear Sir

The Revenue Board, at my suggestion, have removed the two Boys from Devicotta and placed them under your orders. Mr Ravenshaw will be requested to take charge of them and will I imagine call at Devicotta for them on his way to Dindigul.

I hope poor Ambrose has recovered both from his indisposition and fright and will be ready to recommence his operations with spirits when his two Assistants arrive. he must have been studying Martinus Scribl Treatise on the Bathos when he wrote the letter you enclosed to me. I hope however he will contract the period of the Survey into as small a compass as possible.

Madras
23d September 1798

I am dear Sir &ca
(Signed) J Goldingham

Dear Sir

Having received from Sumatra a small Cask of the Cookos Baldum Paddy or best sort of the Upland Rice I have this day sent you a parcel of it by Tappal as the intro-

duction

-duction of it here has been long a desideratum.
Dr. Charles Campbell who has sent it, says it is cultivated on the tops of Hills, requires little labour, and the advantage that it has over that cultivated in marshes, is its great strength of Grain, for though in general much smaller in volume, its nourishing powers are supposed to be far beyond those of the low lands Crop and it requires not to be transplanted which saves [illegible] trouble.

I need make no apology as it will be doing an essential service to the Country introducing a grain so valuable suited to ground cultivated for far inferior kinds, and which may be reared when there is not rain sufficient for the Paddy of the Coast.

As the Climate of Sumatra is moist the situations in your Districts where there are the most frequent rains and dews will be the best, and it may be adviseable to sow it in various situations now, that it will have the benefit of the Monsoon, which if the ground is high will not probably injure it.

I request you will inform me [illegible] whether it grows and in what situations best, as if this should fail, I will endeavour to get more. Dr. Campbell being anxious to introduce it here, as he has done in Bengal where it is now cultivated he believes through-out the Provinces.

I am &ca.

(Signed) Andw. Berry

Fort St. George
24th September
1798

P.S. I mean to acquaint Government of my having received this grain and of the distribution made. I have sent all my Nutmeg Plants to [illegible] Turgatcherry in Tinnevelly, where I hope they will thrive in number 150.

Translation

Translation of Cadjan from Conde gour of Megarapetty received at 10 O'Clock on the 24 Sept.

Remarks	
Punnapetty is five Gurries from Tallicot two Gurries from Meeranoo.	Last night about one or two hundred men came to Punnapetty wounded two women one with a pike the other with a sword and cut off the hand of a child an infant of three years old thinking it mine & set fire to the Village twenty houses are burnt.
Shendachetty Valaci is ... Gurries from Meeranoo & from Tallicot about five	Thence going to Sendachetty Valaci an hamlet of Megrapetty they wounded shockingly a ryot with pikes & swords in several parts they also fired the hamlet and taking my child towards the gate purposed to murder it, when several women crowded about the child and induced them to spare it.
Cotakyen made his escape from the Colonels Choultry in Dindigul in 1796 October	The Columbum Conda gour & I were in Megrapetty they fired the gours house wounded the women and went away. The Kallar who formerly lived in Columbumenda Cotakyen the weaver Davashekamoney's brothers son Copa & Nautanikulpollium Cooppa Mottoo Sherogar's sons Murdanaig our people saw among them.

Translate of Cadjan from Shake Budolle Havildar of the Cullimbatoor guard received at 12 O'Clock 24 September.

Tallicot is about 3½ Gurries from Cullimbatoor	About 12 O'Clock last night to westward four shot were fired as if between Tallicot and Kattyambaddy I did not go to see what it was early in the

Iyempollam is about 5 Gur-ries from Cul-liembatoor.

the morning sending a man to enquire what it was Myil Naigues people had been at Iyempollam & murdered four ryots plundered Andipetty & had gone off by Punjuntangee.

On enquiry how many people came with him it was repotted four horsemen & about one thousand people came I have reported what has happened. I am very vigilance.

Iyempolliem is three Gur-ries from Rut-tiambaddy

Translate of Cadjan from Moottoopillah Yen-moogum Curnum.

At day break Myil Pimbee's people came and surrounded Iyempolliam the Curnum's son Groupa Naig Sankya Gour Coopa Gour these four people they murdered. Having done this they plundered Andipetty and went off by Punjuntangee 'tis said a great many people came this account is true.

To J. B. Hurdis Esquire
Collector

Dear Sir

I received your letter at 11 O'Clock last night, at the very moment I was going to make the Rounds with the Havildar's guard, consequently I altered my course for Tallioot, where we arrived in something less than one hour. Every thing was perfectly quiet both at Tallioot and Columbumcondee the Havildar had not heard any firing from any quarter whatever in my way to Pollisto we passed through Chinnaes Cumbatoor & Pootremenaypitty on returning altered my course by Chitteraolum and Dendanaypitty I arrived here little past 4 O'Clock where I found all as I left it perfectly peaceable. You will be tired enough to excuse my writing with

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red Ink as I have not really any other, get some from Pulney.—

I am &ca

(Signed) J. Simpson

Coleambatoor
½ past 8 O'Clock
September 27th 1798

Revenue Department

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

In reply to your letters of the 30th Ultimo & 4th Instant regarding the mode of managing the Customs in your District for the present year, I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Extract of the Board's Address to Government and of the Right Honorable President's reply.

I am also directed to acknowledge the receipt of your's of the 13th and 15th Instant, with their enclosures, respecting the attack lately made by Myel Tombee and his adherents upon Rutteambaddy and the Pulney Talook and to transmit for your information, Copies of the Board's letters to Government, and of the Right Honorable President's reply.

I am &ca

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

Fort St. George
28th September
1798

Extract of a letter to Government Dated 13th September 1798.

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship Copies of two letters from the Collector of Dindigul, regarding the mode which he recommends should be adopted in the present year for the management of the Customs in his Districts.

In submitting this subject to your Lordship's consideration we think it expedient to transmit the enclosed Extract from our Proceedings of the 11th of January last explaining the circumstances which had induced us to call upon

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the several Collectors for their sentiments on the two modes of managing the Customs by Rent and Aumanee, and briefly recapitulating the arguments which had been urged in support of, and against either system.

When we have received the replies of Lieutenant Colonel Read and his Assistants intrusted with the immediate charge of the Districts under his superintendence it is our intention to bring this question fully under your consideration; in the mean while we beg leave to call your attention to the arguments which have been stated by Mr. Hurdis in favour of continuing the rent for the present year; and though we are induced to recommend that the experiment of this system in his District be continued at his earnest request for another year, we do not wish that this recommendation should be considered to proceed from a preference of this mode of management, but from a desire of relieving Mr. Hurdis from other duties whilst he is engaged as he now is in a comprehensive Survey of his Districts.

Extract of a Letter from Government Dated 22nd. September 1798.

As we are certainly of opinion that the Survey, in which the Collector of Dindigul is at present engaged, is of much greater importance than the mode of collecting his sayer, we acquiesce in his recommendation for renting the Customs for another year without any reference whatever to the merits of the question.

(A true Extract)

— (Signed) J. B. Travers
Dy. Secretary

To The Right Honble Lord Clive
Governor in Council

My Lord

We are much concerned to submit to you

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the accompanying letters, under date the 13th & 15th Instant from the Collector at Dindigul report-ing some particulars of a most daring & cruel attack made by Meyit Tumbee, the Bastard brother of the deposed Poligar of Pulney, upon Ruttiambaddy & the Pulney Talook, aided, there seems strong reason to believe, from the Collector's letter of the 15th to Lieutenant Colonel Brown, by people belonging to Tippoo's Circar, to whose officers Mr. Hurdis has written on the subject.

In Rattiambaddy the Poligar & several of the inhabitants have been murdered, & at Balasamoodrum in the Pylney District several merchants have been wounded, the servant of Lingum Monegar, who was himself absent seized, & other irregularities committed.

The measures immediately adopted by Mr. Hurdis to quiet the terror of the Inhabitants appear to us very judicious, & as we have every confidence in his activity & economy, we beg leave to recommend, that he be allowed a discretionary power to disburse small sums for intelligence, & for the employment of such additional sibbendy for the security & defence of the District as may be required during the present disturbances.

As it is of much consequence that the Collector should receive the most effectual support of his personal exertions to suppress these disorders, we beg to be honored with your Lordships early Commands on this subject.

Fort St. George
21st September
1798

We have &c.
(signed) Edward Saunders
& Members

Extract of a Letter from Government Dated 22d. September 1798.

We have just received your letter of this

this date, and are much concerned at the attack which the Collector of Dindigul reports to have been made upon Rutliambadday. We approve the steps which Mr. Hurdis has taken, for preserving the confidence of the people, and readily consent, that he may have discretionary power to make such extra disbursements as may be required for procuring intelligence, and for paying the additional Sibbendy he may employ.

(True Copy of Extract)
(signed) J B Travers
Dy. Secretary

J. B. Hurdis Esquire
Collector

Dear Sir

I received your note last night at 7 O'Clock signed the Order, and immediately despatched the Peon, with a Toty as a guide, to Iyampollium. I left this little past 11 O'Clock with my usual Escort went direct north, to Chinnacoleambatoor inclined to the westward by Vadapanaigpetty Tookapanaigpetty, and returned by Chettercolum & Jandanaigpetty, came in about 4 this morning. The head man of Jandanaigpetty fled two nights ago owing to a report from his people that Milatomby was near the hills which divides the two Territories opposite Jandanaigpetty. I propose striking the Marquee this forenoon and shall remove to Tallcoot or near it. Please to mention what was the name of the Village that was attacked night before last, and its situation from hense.

Seeracoleambatoor
8 O'Clock
29th September 1798

I am &ca.
(signed) J Simpson

J B Hurdis Esquire
Collector

Dear Sir

I started from hence last night about 11 O'Clock with a Havildar at 12. towards Rutleambaday on my way thither I passed by

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Cordagoody, Vadapetty, Paumapetty & Gurapa-
-naigpolloor, where there were a few women; I
reached Rateambady about 1 O'Clock, and was
much pleased to find all there, quiet on the
alert, Lenguam looked very formidable. The Subr.
had marched to Iyanpollam agreeable to an
order you gave him with a large party—no-
-thing new at Rateambody—The Banditti gene-
-rally retreat to the Mecondamilly Hill during
the day it is about 3 Guars from the Guard—
The Coodrior River is very full, as the Marauders
are on the other side of it, may be the cause
of their being so quiet for these two nights past.

I purpose visiting such of the Guards to
day as I have not yet seen, after which I will make
out a Return of the whole to Mr. Gordon.

I must not omit mentioning that
the Subedr. and the whole at Ratlambaddy
complain a good deal about the water there
which is really not good, there is a pretty large
Village of Paumapetty about a mile from
Rateambaddy, where they say it is much
sweeter, and if they were to move there, it is
a higher ground and I doubt but just as good
a position, at the same time would be the
means of inducing the inhabitants to return,
who are all fled. The Head man of Colem-
-batoor returned yesterday and I am happy
to say, considerable numbers accompanied him
I have removed my Marquee to a higher ground
and near the Village, at the same time, can
overlook, and hear any shots that may be fired
in the jungle in either of the directions of
Balsamoodrum or Rateambaddy. In re-
-turning this morning I came by Shederoo,
Valadapollam, and Cuvalapetty, in the
two former there were a few inhabitants but
none in the latter—

Pedda colembatoor
29th September 1798

(Signed) Jam. Tinpson

T. B. Hurdis Esquire
Collector

Dear Sir
I have this moment received your favor as also a kind note from Colonel Brown who I will write immediately. I should have sent you a letter early this morning but was prevented from hearing what never I have received till it was 8 O'Clock on account of my being obliged to take up my Quarters at Coleambatoor last night, the rain being so severe.

I was aroused by the Centry about past 10 last night, who said there had been several shots fired from the Releambaddy Quarter, I instantly pushed on to Periacoliembatoor, and strengthened my own guard with a naigue & six from the Havildar there, who had heard the same firing as the Centry had, we reached Paremaputty little past 12 where we find the Subedar encamped close upon the west side of the Village he also corroborated what the others had said, but the firing proceeded from Tippoo's Country and it has been a frequent practice since we have had Troops in that direction, for the Villagers to fire every evening, with no other purpose I should suppose than to keep us in a state of alarm. The Deroga and Paumaputty are highly pleased with their new station, and I am happy to say, I found them quite upon their guard this all that past last night. I shall proceed to what took place this morning at Tallicoot, on my way here, I received a report from both the Tallicoot & Columbacondo guards, the purport of which is as follows.

This morning little past 4 a Villager of Postpatoor (a small Village in the vicinity of Tallicot) came here and said that several of the banditti, were assembling in the jungle hard by that Village, said, Gaulup Havildar instantly repaired to the spot where the man said they were, but previous to his quitting Tallicote sent off to Columbacondo to the Havildar there that

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he was to take such a direction as might screen them in, should they still be where they were first seen, The Tallesole Havildar came upon them, but the jungle was so very thick that he could not get a shot at any there was a small river in their rear over which they escaped, and immediately entered the Sultan's boundary he kept sight of them for some time after they had passed the River, but was so far prudent as not to follow there numbers he says were from 26 to 30, one of the Village people fired but without effect

I shall certainly attend to what you say relative to shifting situation as the monsoon I really think must be now setting in, tomorrow I shall visit the other Posts around here, and after will return to Coleambatoor

I am &ca

(Signed) Saml. Simpson

Tallesole ½ past 10
1st October 1798

Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esquire
Pylary

Dear Sir

I set out this morning a little past six O'Clock, to visit such of the Posts to the Northward and East, as I could reach before the sun got too powerful I entered Columbumcoonda which is two Cosse from hence a little past 7 where I found the Guard in good order and every thing as I could wish, but I am sorry at the same time to be under the necessity of making a complaint against the Head man of that Village, who instead of supporting the spirits of the inhabitants is doing all in his power to make them timid & apprehensive of danger on my entering the Village the first application he made to me was, that I would allow the guard to retire every night from the Village to a mud Fort hear'd by and that he & the Inhabitants would also do the same, & instead of posting Centries here and there around the Village, to have the whole collected in one place near his person, I represented to him how rediculous his request was, and how much better it would be for every inhabitant to remain in his respective home

and to repose that confidence in the Sepoys which they necessarily ought to have, and if they did that, I would be answerable that no ill whatever could befall them, he replied in such a manner, as signified they did not so much care for their houses &ca. or to that purpose, but that they accorded Collteries would escape the vigilance of the Sepoys and come in, and murder them all in the dark, after a good deal of argument I brought him a little to his senses and could perceive what the fellow wanted. The fact is, he is in the first instance a great coward, and in the second has some vile disease in his legs which will scarcely permit him to walk & only wants the guard to be near his person, that in case of any alarm they might protect him, as he well knows he could not make use of his heels. Another complaint he had was that the whole of the guard went the Rounds at night, and by so doing left the Village unprotected, I could hardly persuade him, that in so doing he could be apprehensive of no danger, as the guard were at all times within a guise of him, and upon sending a Totty or firing a matchlock they could afford him assistance in the course of a few minutes, however to please him, I ordered the Havildar to leave a couple of Sepoys at night, and there would still remain sufficient to go the Rounds, upon this we parted good friends, but I must remark that this is the only Village I have hitherto visited where I have found the Inhabitants not confident, or fearful of danger, and I am certain it is all owing to this man. he likewise, when the guard is out at night makes the young men of the Village keep up a constant firing with Matchlocks in order to deter the enemy from coming near them, it may have this good effect, but at the same time is attended with many bad ones, I have ordered no such thing to be done in the future and with that took leave of him on my return home I came by Pertaboor, a Village about one guise from Columbuncondah much neater, and more regularly built,

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the poor inhabitants there, are great dead and the
only request they made was that I amie would
allow them only ½ Dozen Sepoys and they would
all remain in the Village at night, as at present
they were obliged to go to Columbunconda; I told
the Headman I would make known their case to
Mr. Hurdis, but for its success would not give any
positive answer which greatly pleased them, I only
can say, they deserve a guard, much more than the
other Village and are more liable to an attack being
nearer the Borders I shall now proceed to which
has taken place this morning elsewhere about
half way to Columbunconda my Orderly remark
that he had heard several shots fired as from
Iampollam a few minutes after I heard one
myself, but did not think of returning to Tallecote,
as I was convinced the guard at Iyampollam
was sufficiently large to oppose any force that
could be brought against it on my way home, I
received a report from one of the Tallecote guard
that Jagunauth with the whole of my guard &
6 of the other had pushed on to Iampollam as
they had heard first 4 shots fired and in a
few minutes after an irregular fire of upwards
of 22 Firelocks. You may imagine I was a little
impatient to know the Cause of all this, and
was bending my course towards the place
where the firing proceeded when I met a Sepoy
from Jagunauth saying that the firing was
upon the Borders of Tippoo's Country that
he saw many people collected but for what pur-
pose he was ignorant, that the Subedar, Lingum
and the Deroga with a large party had arrived
before him, he returned about 10 and said nothing
farther but that he thought according to
the opinion of some of our Villagers that there
was some Commotion in Tippoos Country I will
see and get some information, it keeps us in a
Constant alarm.

I hope you will accompany Captain Simons if he makes the Tour of the guards, I trust he does not mean to bring his Bandy unless he gets an Escort of 50 Pioneers to clear his way

I am &ca.

Talleot 2d. October
1783

(Signed) J. Simpson

J. B. Hurdis Esquire
Pylney

Dear Sir

I arrived here this morning some minutes past nine and will set out again tomorrow morning for Megrapully, Taleole, and pitch my Marquee at Sampollam, which will enable me to be at Coleambatoor on the morning of the 4th. Should Captain Simons be determined to visit the out Ports, he had better come straight to this place and I can accompany him through the whole to Balumdrum, which will be making almost a circular route, he proposes in a note to me, to visit at Ratcambaddy but by so doing I shall be obliged (if he goes as far to the North East as this) to pass over the ground I have just left, which will not be in the least necessary. If you will be so kind as to represent this to him and tell him to send an immediate answer I will remain here till such time as he arrives, otherwise I may as well be moving tomorrow. You may recollect the attack we proposed the other day, in case the Banditti were on the Meconapilly Hill as we may now expect them to be collecting, I would wish to know your opinion and if we might not just try it when I return to Colembatoor and please to mention if you have received and kind of information relative to any intention the Marauders may have of annoying us — I have just met my good natured friend Marepa Gounda, he makes a very earnest

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request of a few Sepoys to be sent to Gadeguns a Village about ten Gurries from hence well stocked with Bramins.

Harinoor 11 o'Clock
3d October 1798

I am &ca
(Signed) Saml. Simpson

J. B. Hurdis Esquire
Pylney

Dear Sir

I fear I blamed the Gour of Columbaconda too rashly, poor fellow, from what you have said relative to his Cousin he certainly has great reason to dread these miscreants. He promised that no firing should be heard for the future — however I shall obey your request and give him a proper Lesson tomorrow as I intend taking that in my way to Iyampolliam. I perceive by your note you have not yet received mine of this morning dated from hence, be so kind as to tell Captain Simons what I have mentioned in it, and to send an answer if possible this night as I shall be off tomorrow morning early. the Megrapully Guard can afford a small diminution, I shall therefore order a Guard of six for Pulatoor which will make the poor people quite comfortable.

I have just learned the firing that was in Tippoo's Country yesterday, was the celebration of some feast. I shall be if possible at Caleambatoor on the 5th in the morning & remain —

I am &ca
(Signed) Saml. Simpson

Heerinoor
3d October 1798

J. B. Hurdis Esquire
Pylney

Dear Sir

I lament being under the disagreeable necessity of sending into Pylney Veeragoo Havildar of the guard stationed at Columbaconda under an Escort of 3 Sepoys, his conduct this morning is of so serious a nature and at the same time such a breach of the orders he received from me, that to keep him in Command any longer

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would be a stigma on myself and endangering the lives, and properties of the inhabitants in the Village which he was sent to as a protector. Without any further preamble I shall explain the business.

I mentioned in my letter to you of yesterday morning from Heeranoor, that it was my intention to revisit the Stations of Megrapettly & Columbumconda, on my way back to Saleet, I am happy to say at Megrapettly that every thing was agreeable to my orders and wish but on my entering Collumbaconda, I was in the expectation of naturally seeing the Guard fallen in which is generally the Custom, but so much to the contrary, I saw but one Sepoy on Guard in the Village and the Arms of the rest piled up about ¼ of a mile distance from the place they ought to be at and a Sepoy stationed over them and on my riding up to the Centry, I enquired where the Havildar of the guard was and the other 10 Sepoys, he replied they had gone out some time a fishing, & after some deer, which were grazing hard by, I was not a little astonished at this, & immediately galloped towards the place he pointed to, they were, I had almost, I think gone ¼ of a mile farther, when I saw, the Sepoys scattered here & there, and following after the Havildar, who a little time after made his appearance I asked him, where he had been together with the whole of his guard and what was the cause of his piling the Arms at such a distance from the Village, he said I saw some deer feeding close by, and I went after them, this was all he could say in his defence and pleaded guilty, now Sir, if this can be allowed, you had better recall every guard out, for he is not only shewing a notorious example to the Sepoys under his Command, but manifesting at the same time a very great contempt of the particular injunctions he received from you and myself previous to his taking the Command of the guard detached to Columbaconda, and which is only aggravating the fault of which he is now guilty, and I trust that Col. Brown

will

will take such measures with him, as to bring to a true sense of his duty or to deprive him of in hence hereafter having the Command of a Naigue and 12 Sepoys this so far, accounts for the little trust the Your had in the guard and I have no doubt that by this good piece of fortune, in finding out this vile fellow that it will be the means of saving many lives I have for the present ordered the Command of the guard to devolve on the naigue of the Tallest guard a trustyman and should Ebram khan a Havildar of my Company be arrived from Dindigul I would if you please, recommend him to the Command and remain.

Tallest
5th October 1798 } (signed) J. Simpson

I shall despatch Mr. Veeragoo immediately

Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.
Pylney

Dear Sir

I have just arrived at Coleambatoor and if you can make it convenient, will be in the hon^r of seeing you. I took Tyampolam, and Paumopetty in my way hitherto, no news, than that four men were seen in the jungle nigh Tampollam, this morning at five OClock the Havildar sent a Naigue after them, but without success.

I am &ca.
5th October 1798 } (signed) Jam^s. Simpson

T.B. Hurdis Esquire
Pylney

Dear Sir

I purpose going this evening to Paumapetty and scour, that part of the Hill and jungle, near Releambaddy that we have reason to think they may be in, but from what you say in your note would you wish I should go straight to Tallest and give over the

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abovementioned plan let me know your desire and I shall act accordingly

(Signed) J. Simpson

Coimbatoor }
6th October 1798 }

J. B. Hurdis Esquire
Pulney

Dear Sir

How very provoking it is notwithstanding the repeated orders I have given relating to no Village man firing at night that it should still continue the bad effects of which I have this moment learnt.

Last night about 7 O'Clock the Centry at Megrapully perceived some lights moving to & fro, some little way from the Village and immediately reported it to the Havildar who without any loss of time instantly repaired to the spot where the lights still continued and was advancing upon 20 of the Banditti when the Village men commenced firing with their Matchlocks which occasioned the whole party decamping immediately, the Havildar pursued, but they escaped him, when he returned to the Village he enquired what was the reason of their firing, they said in order to freighten away the Collories by this means we have perhaps lost four or five Scoundrel's heads. I have ordered the head man whose fault it no doubt is not to allow a single Gun to be fired neither night or day upon the penalty of five hundred lashes to the offender I have not heard of any lives being lost by the Villains but I fear much, I am extremely vexed as I am convinced the Havildar would have done his duty.

I decamp at 4 O'Clock for Paumapully

6th October }
1798 }

(Signed) Jam's Simpson

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T. B. Hurdis Esquire
Pulney

Dear Sir

I have just received your note, and what you say relative to the business last night at Pannapetty is perfectly agreeable to my own way of thinking but as I have met Captn Simons here we intend trying to visit that Village tomorrow morning when I shall enquire into the business particularly—

There is a man this evening sent in by the headman of the Poushpatoor who gives no proper account of himself & at Captain Simons recommendation he is now confined in the guard till tomorrow when he will be sent into Pulney

Tallicot
6th October 1798

(Signed) Jams. Simpson

T. B. Hurdis Esquire
Pulney

Dear Sir

I have only this moment received the intelligence of the people being in the Newady jungles, I have sent to the Naigue at Poosphatoor immediately to search and remain on the borders of the Country, and to search the jungles near that station, I have sent the same orders to Columbumcoisa and a guard are now ready to go with myself, I intend pushing down towards the river, and take a sweep round, this morning

The man sent in to you must have been a reconnoitring for this party—

7 October 1798

(Signed) Jams. Simpson

J. B. Hurdis Esquire
Sir
Pulney

Dear Sir

This morning a prisoner was brought into me from Columbaconda, whither he had been sent by the [illegible] of Oddapully, who seized him as he was returning by that village into the Sultan's Country.

His story runs, that 20 days since he went to Cunnevaudy to be present at the celebration of one of his relations marriage who lived in that part of the Country, and on returning home past through Pulney yesterday had got so far on his way when he was stopped, I am told he has altered his tale several times, and from his appearance he would be a Capital subject for a gibbet, one turning [illegible] marks him rather suspicious his having on a Sepoys white linnen Jacket with a particular mark on one side, he may be a deserter. I have sent him into Pulney for Henry Rous's further Examination.

(signed) Saml. Simpson

Tallock
9 October 1798

Dear Sir

As I have great reason to suspect that two Carpenters belonging to Mr. Hamilton, who are at work by contract have stolen a quantity of wood by picking the lock of a Godown of mine in his Compound and some peaces being found on them that correspond with the remaining wood.

I have taken the liberty to send them to be confined in the Cutwall's Choultry until to-morrow when I hope to investigate further into the business.

9 October 1798

(signed) John King

Revenue Department

J. B. Hurdis Esquire.
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

Sir

(Circular) The Board desire that you will immediately upon the receipt of this letter issue the necessary orders throughout your Districts for apprehending all straggling Europeans that may attempt to pass whether with or without passes. In the event of any persons being so apprehended they are to be carried to the nearest military Station and delivered over to the Commanding Officer.

As a strict execution of these orders and particularly in regard to foreigners is of considerable importance you will issue the most special injunctions to all your Servants and the head inhabitants of Villages for carrying them into effect

I am &ca

Fort St George }
16 October 1798 }

(Signed) S. Lushington
Secretary

J. B. Hurdis Esquire
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Dindigul

Dear Sir

I have this instant received information from the Goundoo of Poospatoor, that a party consisting of 40 peons are now in the jungles hard by Ralcambady, headed by one of Moyle Tomby's Chief Agents, I have despatched a Cadjan to the Subedar at Paunipetty immediately to repair to the spot and search about the place he on a former occasion met with them. Lucka Naique has threatned to attack the other frontier & more particular those Villages where there are guards I am at present at Correcorie and shall instantly send to the guards around to be more than ordinary careful and vigilant a Cadjan has been sent to the Citcharee which will

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give you a more explicit account of the business — than I am able to communicate for want of interpreter Jagnaut is now paying the batta at the different out Posts.

(signed) Saml. Simpson

Carreamarree
18 October
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To T. B. Hurdis Esquire
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I was duly honored with your letter of the 30th Ultimo the contents of which were immediately forwarded to the Akbar Nawez at Manaparai with strict injunctions to ascertain and report to me how far the Seree Naigue of Ramgherry had been guilty of the acts which were laid to his charge, and I thought it necessary to defer my reply until I could speak on the points to which it refers.

The Seree Naigue of Ramgherry most solemnly denies all knowledge of the transactions charged against him and observes "that if any "one of the Complaints shall be established, he "will submit to any punishment that may be "thought necessary.

The Akbar Nawez reports "that having "enquired into the disturbances said to have been "committed by the Seree Naigue of Ramgherry, "I cannot, notwithstanding all my enquiry, "discover that he had committed any disturbance "or that he had joined Velunconda Naigue the "Dispossessed Poligar of Verriode I am given to "understand, however, that as relationship subsists "between the Seree Naigue and the Poligar of "Munnicoottaty of Dindigul, the latter had "repaired to Ramgherry to pay the usual Com-"pliment to the new Poligar"

The Seree Naigue represents that the

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inhabitants of Ramgherry having ploughed the Lands belonging to Nagacottah, dependant on Ramgherry and sown the seeds, they were prevented from plucking the weeds by the people of Yerriode, who had driven their cattle into the Grounds, and destroyed the cultivation. He also represents that when any merchants or inhabitants belonging to his Pollam have occasion to go to Yerriode, they are seized & detained.

I request the favor of you to enquire into these matters and in the mean time I shall write again to the Seree Naique of Ramgherry enjoining him in the strongest terms against affording any cause of complaint against him.

As the accompanying letter is without a signature, I cannot with propriety act upon it. If you will be pleased to sign and return it to me, I will proceed in the way you have desired.

I have &ca.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson.

Ramnad
21st October
1798

T. B. Hurdis Esquire
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am favored with your accounts for September, and the letter accompanying them. In reply I beg leave to state, that it appears to me unnecessary to raise any new head for "Allowances to dispossessed Poligars" while the distinction you are desirous to have preserved, may be so easily effected by placing the sum disbursed on this account in an inner Column under the head of Pensions.

I am &ca.
(Signed) G. Ricard
A. B. R.

Fort St. George
24th October 1798

Dear Sir

You will confer a very particular favor in permitting me to erect slanting from the pettah wall a few temporary Offices they shall be destroyed so soon as the season will permit my completing new ones.

Remain &ca

24th October 1798

(Signed) C Bagshaw

T B Hurdis Esquire
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am honored with your letter of the 23rd Instant, with its enclosures. Orders the most positive shall be immediately sent to those Poligars of whom you complain and I trust that the energetic measures which you are pursuing will now produce the happiest effects. You may depend upon my heartiest Co operation, and of the sincerity of my desire to bring the Serie Naigue, or any other persons under my authority to punishment, against whom proof shall be brought, of having transgressed their duty.

I have &ca

Ramnad 28th October 1798

(Signed) Jackson

T B Hurdis Esquire
Dindigul

Dear Hurdis

The guard at Hirranore sent in yesterday evening under charge of a Naigue & 14 armed men principally with swords, & as Harry Row understands these matters better than me I requested he would examine them and let me know what his opinion of them was he last night came down & examined the head man & he was sent into the Cutcharee guard & the rest were all disarmed & put in the

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guard, & this morning I sent them all for further examination to the Cutcheree, the Tahsildar after examining one or two brought the whole party down there and they prove to be a party that was in Mily Naigue or Tomby's service and were at Rattiembaddy their different accounts are sent by the Tahsildar for your information the Duffadar denied and swore positively against the evidence of the other party and Harry Row, recommended the Drummers and I accordingly sent for them and after he had 13 well laid on the confessed the whole I will have them all well secured in Irons until such time you write me what to do with them & hope you will approve of every thing that I have done, & am &ca &ca

Pylney
26th October 1798

(Signed) J Simons

Revenue Department

T B Hurdis Esquire
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your register of bills for the Months of July, August & September properly authenticated, which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the bills transmitted in the course of those Months, with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them –

Fort St. George
29th October 1798

I am &ca
(Signed) I B Travers
Dy. Secretary

Register

Register of Bill for the Month of July 1798

1798 July 2d	1 Bill by Mr. Roberts Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	8000 ..	Transferred 31st July 1798
	Star Pagodas	8000 ..	

Dindigul 1st August 1798
E. E. per
(signed) I. B. Hurdis
Collector
(signed) I. B. Travers
Dy. Secretary

Register of Bill for the Month of August 1798

1798 August 3d	1 Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	8500	Transferred 31st August 1798
	Star Pagodas	8500 ..	

Dindigul 1st September 1798
E. E. per
(signed) I. B. Hurdis
Collr.
(signed) I. B. Travers
Dy. Secretary

Register of Bill for the Month of September 1798

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Dindigul 1st October 1798
E. E. per
(signed) I. B. Hurdis
Collr.
(signed) I. B. Travers
Dy. Secretary

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Dear Hurdis

My Servant writes me that objections are made to passing oil duty free from the Dindigul Country to the public Stores at Madura.

Should this be founded there can be no doubt but that you will give orders to remove all impediments in the way of the passage of oil for the use of the troops in Garrison at Madura.

Yours &ca.
(Signed) C Macaulay

Tranquebar
30th October
1798

Revenue Department

J B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Board direct me in reply to your letter of the 20th Instant to inform you they cannot authorize your Assistant to draw Tent allowance similar Applications having been rejected by Government.

I am &ca.
(Signed) J B Travers
Dy. Secretary

Fort St. George
31st October
1798

October 18th 1798 Ramalingum

About four Months since Coomarauel Gour with only four or five people went from Ramgherry to Ramanapatam to consult with Myil Naigue about raising a body of peons he stayed with Myil Naigue three days and returned to Ramgherry where with the leave of the Poligar he collected about fifty peons with whom he proceeded to Poonapooram in August last. Chellumbra Gour of Talliote Coomaraksauny of Cullumbaton Murdanaigum of Cody Cadavoo and Nellatombe of Mordapetty

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in the Pylney District were attendants of Coma-
rauel Gour.

Moottoo Comar Sherogar with three of his peons attended Comarauel Gour from Ramgherry by order of Poligar of that District.

Comarauel Gour on his arrival at Poonapoorum in August last

Myel Tombe at Ramanapatam there desiring him at the same time to send all the peons he had collected there to join his force Myel tombe being at this time deserted one Cawdan Sheroga who commanded the peons not to take them to Poonapoorum till he might recover and so with them, but Cawdan attending the peons would not remain together unless sent immediately, not went with them against the orders of Myel Tombe and joined Comarauel Gour at Poonapooram.

Fifty Peons from the Combey commanded by Booft Rajah likewise joined the above force at Poonapoorum.

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About July 97 Myel Tombe sent to Coomarauel Gowd at Ramgherry to what number of peons he had with him to which he replied forty or fifty who were lately in the service of Tomba Gowd and desired Coomarauel Gowd when at Ramgherry wrote to Myel tombe at Pottoogoody informing of his having 40 or 50 peons with him to Myel Tombe to collect some likewise and to inform him when he had done and agreeing to joining their forces at Codduwarum in the Columbum Country, and from thence proceed to plunder the Pulney District

Myel Tombe on receiving this message Applied to Yerammaig Poligar who agreed

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to supply him with one hundred peons also to Calingaroy Gowd Puttackar of Ooloogoody who promised to supply fifty Yettalapandig likewise Poligar of Dally likewise promised one hundred. Mr T. having informed Comarawel Gowd of this

Promised to Colamaram in Septr. 1796 with about fifty peons informed Comarawel Gowd of this arrival there without any assist-ance from the Poligars who had promised to supply him with peons the Ooloogoody Putackar have sent him word he must receive orders by the Dewan from Seringapatam before he could furnish the peons.

Myel Tombe having desired Coomarawel Gownda to remained only fifteen days at Palavaram from whence he proceeded to Ramanapalam with his peons soon after his arrival there he received through Calingaroy in April 1798 Coomarawel Gowd left Zangherry with only four or five people for Gowda Perwanah delivered to him by the Dewan of Pillarchy authori-zing him Myel Tombe to raise any number of peons he might want offering him protec-tion not to make any disturbances there; but observing him to create as much mis-chief in the Pulney District as he could-

Myel Tombe waited at Ramanapa-lam with his forty or fifty Peons till August last when he collected one hundred & fifty Peons from Coolim Country.

This force about two hundred Peons was Commanded by Cawdas a chief peon attended by Narsiah a Braminy and in-habitant of the Coolim Country & Comarasawmy son of late Monigar of Colliambatoor on the Pulney District.

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They left Ramgherry the beginning of September last three days afterwards plundered the Pollam of Rattiambaddy and killed the Poligar Myel Tombe being sick was obliged to remain at Ramanapollam & had desired Cawdan the Commandant of the peons to wait there till his recovery that he might attend him but Cawdant refused to do so.

The Dewan of Cadaeoo having received intelligence of the disturbances at Rattiembaddy immediately ordered Yerapa Gowd Poligar of Ramanapalam to seize Myel Tombe or to take bribe of three or four thousand Rupees from him.

Myel Tombe hearing of this order from the Poligar of Ramanapalam who was his friend escaped to in the Coolum in Country Yetinaauen Collum of the Village of the Poligar having supplied him with Coolies eight days after his arrival there Myel Tombe the uncle of Comarauel Gowd left Ramgherry in April last with only four or five people and went to Salley where Myel Tombee sent to him to enquire the reason of his leaving Ramgherry without his peons to which he replied that having no money to pay them he left them there.

Dear Sir

The Carpenters & Coolies whom I sent with your orders for cutting down some Palmirahs are all returned and inform me that the man of the Village would not allow them to cut down any Trees unless they advanced twenty Rupees for as many Trees. I will thank you to inform me if its Custom, & the money shall be sent.

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4th November 1798

I am &ca.
(Signed) J. King

Revenue Department.

To Mr. Thomas B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

The Board having submitted to Government your letters of the 3d & 18th Ultimo on the subject of the disturbances in your District, I am directed to intimate that you have permission to attack disperse and follow into the Companys or Nabobs Territories any party of plunderers assembling for the known purpose of committing depredations in your Districts.

Government also leave to your discretion to offer such a reward for the apprehension of Luckia Naique as you may judge expedient.

The Government of Bombay have been requested to direct the Commanding Officer at Paulgautcherry to afford you whatever assistance may be in his power

Fort St. George
8 November 1798

I am &ca.
(Signed) S. Lushington

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esquire
Collr. of the District of Dindigul

Sir

Permit me to request information as soon as convenient of what sum you may be able to afford the Pay Office for December Disbursements

(Signed) G. A. Hughes
Acting for Rt. Hughes
Paymaster

Madura
15th November 1798

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

(Circular) Sir

The Board desire that your monthly Estimates may in future distinguish the amount receivable on account of Current Revenue, from what may be payable on account of balances.

I am &ca
(signed) Geo Read
A B R

Fort St. George
24th November 1798

Revenue Department

J. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

(Circular) Sir

I am directed by the Board to desire your Compliance with all applications from the Committee of revision and reform such information Accounts and Statements as may be required from you by them.

I am &ca
(signed) J. B. Travers
Dy Secretary

Fort St. George
26th November
1798

Revenue Department

To J. B. Hurdis Esquire
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st Instant reporting the Death of the Maumbarra Poligar, and to desire you will state the age of his son Pursram Naik and under the particular circumstances you have explained in regard to the conduct of his Father, they desire your opinion on his claim to succession, whether if it be determined in his favor he is qualified

to succeed and if you recommend his appointment—

You will hereafter receive the Boards Orders on your proposed allowance to the Yerracottah Poligar.

I am &ca
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Dy. Secretary

Fort St. George
1st December 1798

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to tell you that the works planned at Dindigul about a year and a half ago have been ordered to be put into execution, and that Colonel Trapaud has been directed to detach me to Superintend them. I intend leaving this about the 15th Instant but before that, I have to request the favor of you to let me know whether Teak Timber can be procured in the Dindigul District, and whether you think the bringing of it down, would be attended with much difficulty & expense, as in such a case we would be under the necessity of getting it from Nagapatam or Tranquebar which is a very great distance to bring it from.

I remain
(Signed) F. Havilland

Trichinopoly
2d December 1798

Revenue Department

T. B. Hurdis Esquire
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to inform you that Government have been pleased to signify to the Board of Revenue that having remarked a very great degree of Supineness in the Subordinate Officers under them the Right Honorable the President in Council therefore think it expedient that this

Board

Board should apprize them, of the serious intention of Government to avail themselves of the Latitude granted by the Honorable Court of Directors to employ their Military Servants in situations of trust for which those of the Civil line are not disposed to qualify themselves copy of this you will deliver to your Assistant.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George
3rd December 1798 } (Signed) J. B. Travers
Dy. Secretary

J. B. Hurdis Esquire
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that, in Consequence of Orders from the Board of Revenue, I have — this day written to the Commanding Officer at Madura desiring he would send Gopaul Mistrah under a — safe guard to you "he being a Revenue Deffaulter to the Dindigull Province.

I have &ca.

Ramnad
5th December 1798 } (Signed) W. C. Jackson

Revenue Department

To Mr. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed by the Board to call upon you to transmit a Statement formed on the most Accurate information in your power to obtain, of the quantity of Cotton produced in the Districts under your management within the last fasly & the value

value thereof, and a Statement of the imports of Cotton & Cotton Threads distinctly, in distinguishing those by sea & land & the value thereof. You will also state what portion of the sales of the imports by land, you estimate to be bartered for any Articles the produce of your Districts & the amount you suppose to be carried out in specie mentioning the Countries from whence the Cotton and thread are obtained, whether in your opinion it be probable the specie so carried out finds it's way back into your Districts & thro' what Channels.

You will further endeavour to ascertain the estimated Consumption of Cotton within the last Yearly including manufacturers of every description and its Estimated value, also the Amount supposed to be paid to the thread spinners & for the labour of the manufacturers distinctly.

The Board wish to be informed whether a preference be given to the Cotton & thread imported from foreign Countries the reasons assigned for such preference and how long it is generally considered Cotton ought to be kept before it is worked up.

As it is of the first importance to the prosperity of the Country in the present state of trade to prevent the export of the Circulating specie for raw materials.

The Board are anxious that

every

every endeavour should be exerted to increase the Cultivation of Cotton at least equal to the home Consumption they therefore desire you will give the subject your particular attention and report to them your sentiments at large

I am &ca.

Fort St. George } (Signed) S Washington
11th December 1798 } Secretary

To Mr. J B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to inform you that Government authorize you to receive in Cash the Amount of your Commission for the Months of October and November and to draw it as usual until further orders

I am &ca.

Fort St. George } (Signed) Geo Read
13th December 1798 } A B R

To Mr. J B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am directed to inform you that William Petrie Esquire has been Appointed by Government to preside at this Board and to desire you that letters may be in future directed to

William Petrie Esqre.
Fort St. George } President &ca. Members
13th December } of the Board of Revenue
1798 }

I am &ca.

(Signed) J B Travers
Dy. Secretary

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J. B. Hurdis Esquire
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to enclose extract of a representation from the Poligar of Cadawoor and request your sentiments on the subject matter contained therein.

Ramnad
14th December 1798

I have &ca
(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Extract of a Representation from the Poligar of Cadawoor to W. C. Jackson Esquire Collector Dated 26th November Received 10th December 1798.

I also did complain to your honor that Baula Mootoo Naig Poligar of the Dindigul has unjustly taken Veenparah my village and as Company sequestered his Pollam I begged your honor to write to Mr Hurdis to let go this my village. Your honor then wrote to Lyed Ameen Saib to enquire about this complaint. He only took Moochalicka from me, but no body of Dindigul did come about this business. When my Vakeel complained again to your honor about this, you told him you have written to Mr Hurdis so he wrote and inform me, but till this time nothing been done about it. I therefore humbly beg your honor to write to Mr Hurdis to order to restore my Veenparah village and he dont willing to do so to let either of us running the ground or any other way to settle this dispute."

(Signed) Kurnatry
Mootoo Naig

(True Extract)
(Signed) W. C. Jackson

J. B. Hurdis Esquire

Sir

By desire of Major General Floyd I have the honor to enclose for your information

Copy

Copy of a paper by which it will appear that Tippoo has parties abroad.

I am &ca.

Dindigul
15th December 1798

(Signed) Alex. Robertson
Captn. Comg. Dindigul

Extract of a letter from the Manapara Akbar Naveez dated 8th December, Received the 11th

"I am informed by the Poligar Ultamanaig of Ramgherry, that thirty of Tippoo's Horsemen had arrived at Areoaracourchy situated near Ramgherry, that one Bahauder Hussain with fifty Horsemen and two Companies of Sepoys, and that they were expected at Naguree Village of Ramgherry, bordering on the Mysore Country, and that should they enter the Ramgherry's boundary and commit troubles, that he cannot remain a spectator."

(Signed) Syed Ameen

To The Akbar Naveez at Manapara

I have received your letter dated the 8th Instant and desire you will acquaint the Pollygar of Ramgherry that unless the force belonging to Tippoo Sultan and now stationed at Alleracourchy, and Carrore, should enter his Pollam he can have nothing to do with it. Should any of the Mysore Troops pass the Boundary and Commit hostilities in the Ramgherry Country he is to stand upon the defence, reporting the circumstance by an express Hircarrah to Major General Floyd the Officer Commanding at Trichinopoly and to you, for my information.

Ramnad
12th December 1798

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

(True Copy)
(Signed) J. Balfour
H. Assist.

Dear Sir 27 June 1857

I am exceedingly anxious to hear how matters are coming on at Nerrisottah. I hope the business will be soon over as you

know

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know how bare of Troops we are here, not a relief for the Guards I forward you a paper such as it is by desire of General Floyd with his best respects the following are the passages in Monteath's letter with the above paper

"The General recommends to you in consequence on detaching parties to the Southward to have an eye to the safety of your principal Post at Dindigul"

"Should any of these parties pass the boundary and enter our territories in a hostile manner you are to take measures to expel them with the usual precautions for the safety of your own people"

From the above passages it becomes necessary to be most particularly watchful — which makes me the more desirous of seeing our party with Stewart back again. I wish with all my heart the Colleries could get a good dressing and the work finished.

I suppose Mr. Powney and Gream have ere this reached you with best wishes to Ravenshaw and all with you and confusion to the Colleries

Your's &ca &ca

Dindigul }
16th December 1798 }
(Signed) Alex Robertson

P. S. I had no letter to day from — Brown, I am getting on with the sheds upon the Rock, two I expect will be finished tomorrow, sufficiently commodious to cover 40 men each

Revenue Department

To Mr. T B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

It having lately appeared that Gopaul Kistnah who stands a Debtor in your account of Balance in the sum of 1177 Ps 24 35 for lands held in the Cusbah of Dindigul during Mr. Macleod's management had been appointed Tassildar of Saufstoor instructions were transmitted to the Collector of Ramnad for the seizure of his

his person this has accordingly been effected and he will be delivered over to your charge by the Commanding Officer at Madura.

You will immediately require the payment of the Balance so long due from him.

Fort St. George }
19th December 1798 }

I am &ca.
(Signed) J B Travers
Dy. Secretary

Revenue Department

J B Hurdis Esquire
Collector at Dindigul
Sir

I am directed to transmit for your information and guidance the enclosed Copy of a G O by Government dated 10th December 1798 upon the subject of supplying the Troops with Sheep & beef &c & to desire you will immediately promulgate such parts of it as may concern the inhabitants through every part of your District.

Fort St. George }
19th December 1798 }

I am &ca
(Signed) J B Travers
Dy. Secretary

Fort St. George 10 December 1798

G O By Government

The right Honorable the Governor in Council having received frequent Complaints of the grievances & loss sustained by the inhabitants throughout the Country by being satisfied from the enquiries which have in consequence been made that the prices at present allowed are totally inadequate to the value of the Sheep is pleased to repeale the general order of the 15th May 1793 that all purchases of Sheep for the Cantonments Garrisons or Detachments marching through the Country shall be made at such a price as the owners may consent to.

In cases of necessity however when the full number of Sheep required cannot otherwise be procured, the owners shall be compelled to dispose of them and in such cases the sheep shall be paid for at the rate of one Pagoda for two good or one Pagoda for three Ordinary Sheep.

In order to prevent the serious decrease of Sheep in the Districts where European Troops are Cantoned, the Governor in Council is pleased to order that when sheep cannot be procured with the free consent of the inhabitants, the men shall be supplied with a proportion of Beef equal to their subsistence for three days in each week.

This regulation is more immediately applicable to the Companys Districts and particularly to the Jaghere, & the Commanding Officers of the Garrisons and Cantonments are to include this proportion of beef in their Monthly Indents upon the Collectors.

The Governor in Council is pleased to direct that this order shall be in force from & after the first day of January next.

By order of the Right Honorable the President in Council.

(Signed) J Webbe
Secrety. to Governmt.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) G Buchan
Actg. Sub Secry.

(A true Copy)
(Sd) J B Travers
Dy. Secretary

To Mr T B Hurdis
Collector of Dindigul

Sir

The approach of the period when it will in all probability become necessary to encamp the army renders it necessary that every precaution should be taken for supplying it with provisions. I am therefore directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that measures may be taken for assembling as many sheep & Cattle as possible in the neighbourhood of Kisnagherry. His Lordship accordingly desires that you will report what number of each you may expect to collect and

within

within what period in order that he may have the means of furnishing you with instructions for the future disposal of them.

The Governor in Council also desires that you will state your opinion of the prices which should be paid to the proprietors & that in order to prevent delay in the mean time you will assure them that a fair and reasonable adjustment of their Claims on this account will be made.

Fort St. George
19th December 1798

I am &ca.
(Signed) J. G. Buchan
Asst. Secretary

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esquire
Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir

Permit me to request of you an advance of 8000 Star Pagodas for the use of the Paymasters Department for January 1799

Madura
20th December 1798

I have &ca.
(Signed) Geo. Hughes
Acting for Robert Hughes Paymaster

T. B. Hurdis Esquire

(Circular) Sir

The Board having desired me to lay before them a Table shewing the relative proportion of the Grain measures in use in your Collectorship to the Madras Garce as also the relative value of the several Coins received in payments of the Revenue to the Star Pagoda — I am to request you will afford the information as early as possible in order to enable me to make out the account required.

Fort St. George
22nd December 1798

I am &ca.
(Signed) Geo. Road
A. R. B.

T. B. Hurdis Esquire

(Circular) Sir

I am extremely concerned to observe that the Circular Orders of the 8th

September

September last should have failed to produce that regularity in the quoting of authority for every disbursement so properly ordered by the Board by whom you will have seen, I am directed not to admit any charge in Collectors Account for which that sanction is omitted. I am therefore to apprize you that an Account is now making up in my Office of all sums unauthorized, and charged by you subsequent to the Date of the Circular notice which I am abouth to lay before the Board for their Considera- tion & orders.

Fort St. George
27th December 1798

I am &ca
(Signed) Geo Read
A B R

Dear Sir

The Bearer who has been in my service about two years, and likewise in my Predecessors since the Garrison has been in possession of the Company and a Considerable time a Lenter of yours and having always acquitted himself with great propriety in the discharge of his duty I beg leave to request that you will have a public hearing relative to his Complaints that he has been excommunicated by the Padri at the Christian Church, at the invecligation of the Clerk for not attending Divine Service on Sunday at the hour that it interfered with his duty at the Hospital particularly last Sunday sennight the day that the excommunication took place he was at that time obliged to stay at the Hospital all the morning with a man who had a fit of Apoplexy and I ordered him to remain with him in order to administer a particular medicine in Case of a relapse.

He

He has already paid two Rupees towards the building of a new Church and says the only reason that prevented him from receiving the Sacrament and another crime that is held up against him that the Clerk who has been in the habit of administering it is accused of a crime - too serious a nature, for me to commit to paper unless I was fully convinced of its being true altho' I heard the History of the whole transaction from Mr. Conductor Johnson who was here at the time and assures me its a literal fact. The bearer can inform you of the particulars. All that I have to alledge against the Padri is his preventing my Servant from doing his public duty at the Hospital.

I am &ca.
(Signed) John King

Dindigul
28 December 1798.

To Mr. J B Hurdis

Sir

It is of Considerable importance that a supply of Carriage bullocks should be provided in the Southern Districts for the purpose of Conveying grain from the Malabar Coast into the Mysore Country, for the supply of our Army in the event of his undertaking the seige of Seringapatam, letters have in consequence been addressed to his Excellency the Rajah of Travancore and to the Commandt. at Palamcottah for this purpose and I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that you will afford every assistance which may be in your power reporting what number of Cattle you may be able to procure

the service, as well as the best information which you may be able to obtain upon the subject

Fort St. George
29th December 1798

I am &ca.
(signed) J Webbe
Secretary to Govt.

Revenue Department

J B Hurdis Esquire
Sir

Government being of opinion that an immediate Communication between the Commander in Chief and the different departments of Government will tend to facilitate the public Service at this period, have desired that you may comply with such orders as you may receive directly from the Commander in Chief.

You will forthwith transmit to the Board Copies of all such Letters as you may receive from Lieut. General Harris, not of a secret or confidential nature, and those should also be transmitted, when circumstances may admit of such Communication

Fort St. George
31st December 1798

I am &ca.
(Signed) S Lushington
Secretary

Revenue Department

J B Hurdis Esquire
Sir

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your Register of Bills for the Month of October properly authenticated which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the Bills transmitted

in

in the course of those Months with such
Remarks Annexed as appear necessary
for your information respecting them

Fort St. George
31st December
1798

I am &ca.
(Signed) I B Travers
Dy. Secretary

Register of Bill for the Month of October 1798

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1798 October	1st	1 Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	6700	..	Transferred 30th November 1798
		Star Pagodas			
		Dindigul 1st November 1798			
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		(Signed) T B Hurdis Coll.			
		(Signed) I B Travers Dy. Secretary			

22/10/77

Checked
SS
13.10.77